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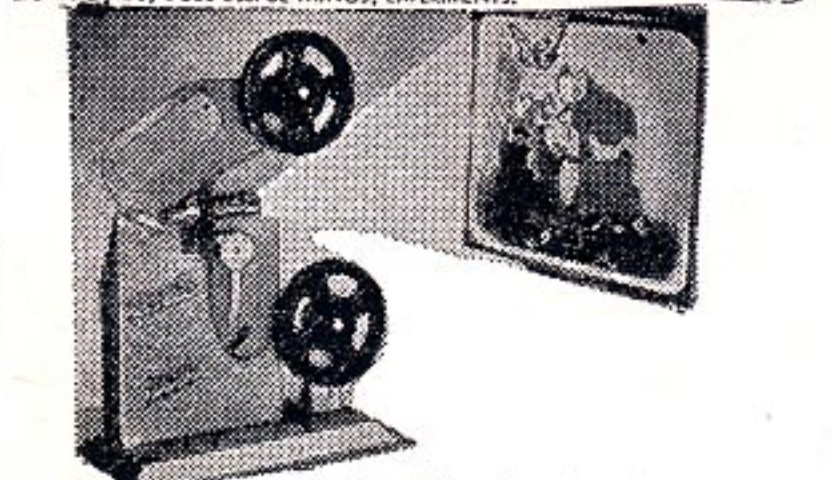
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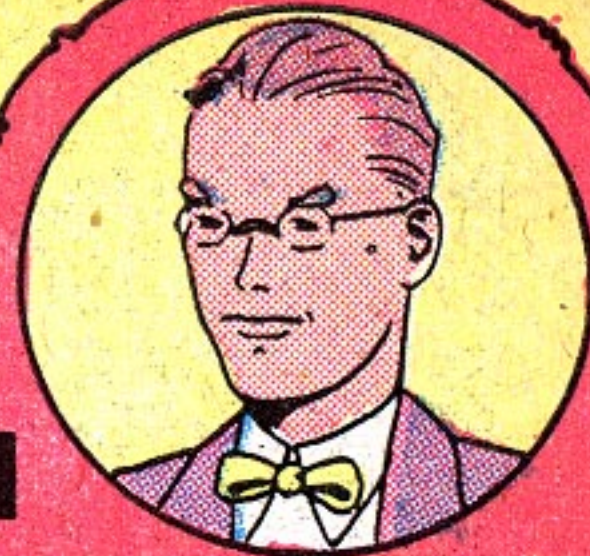
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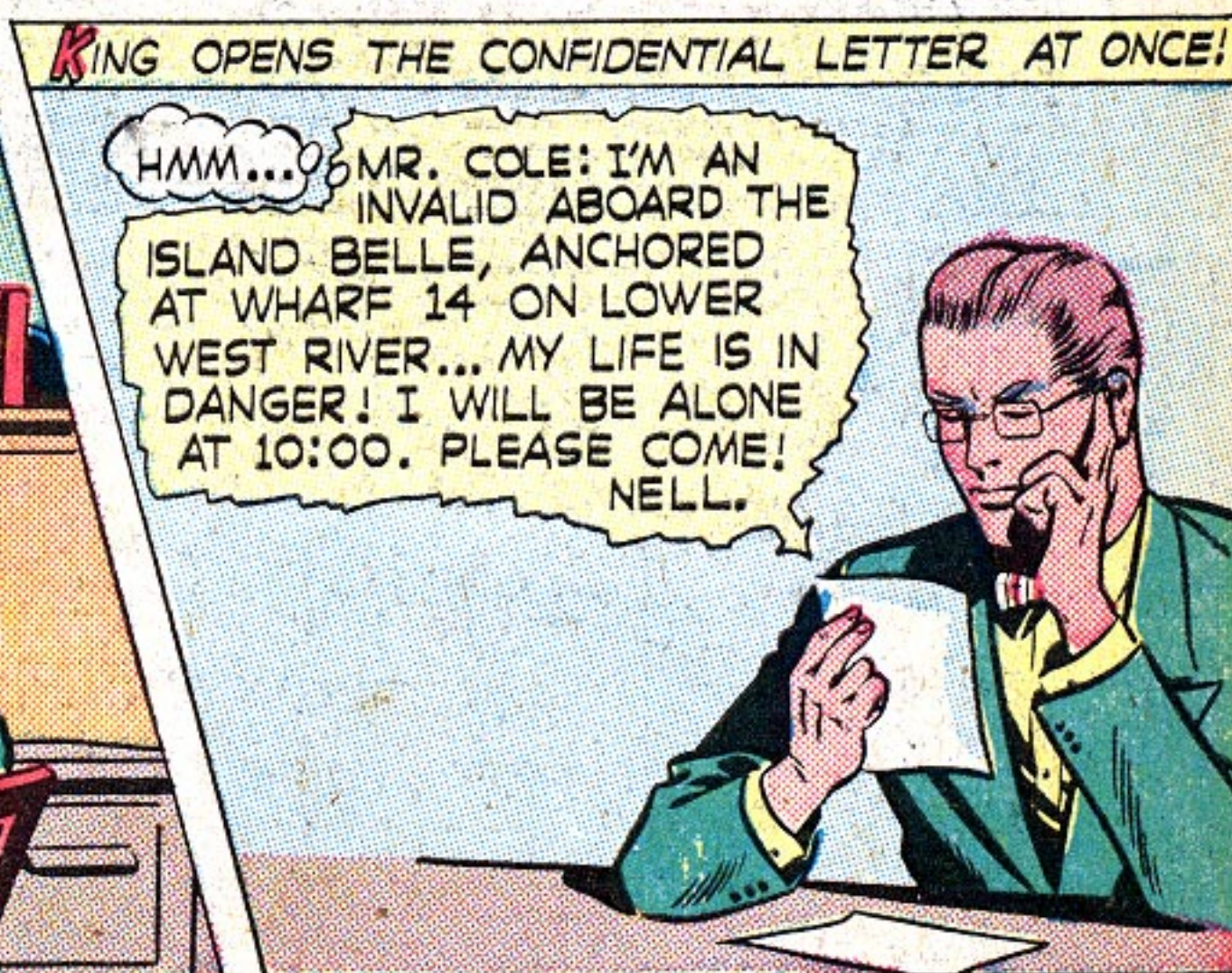
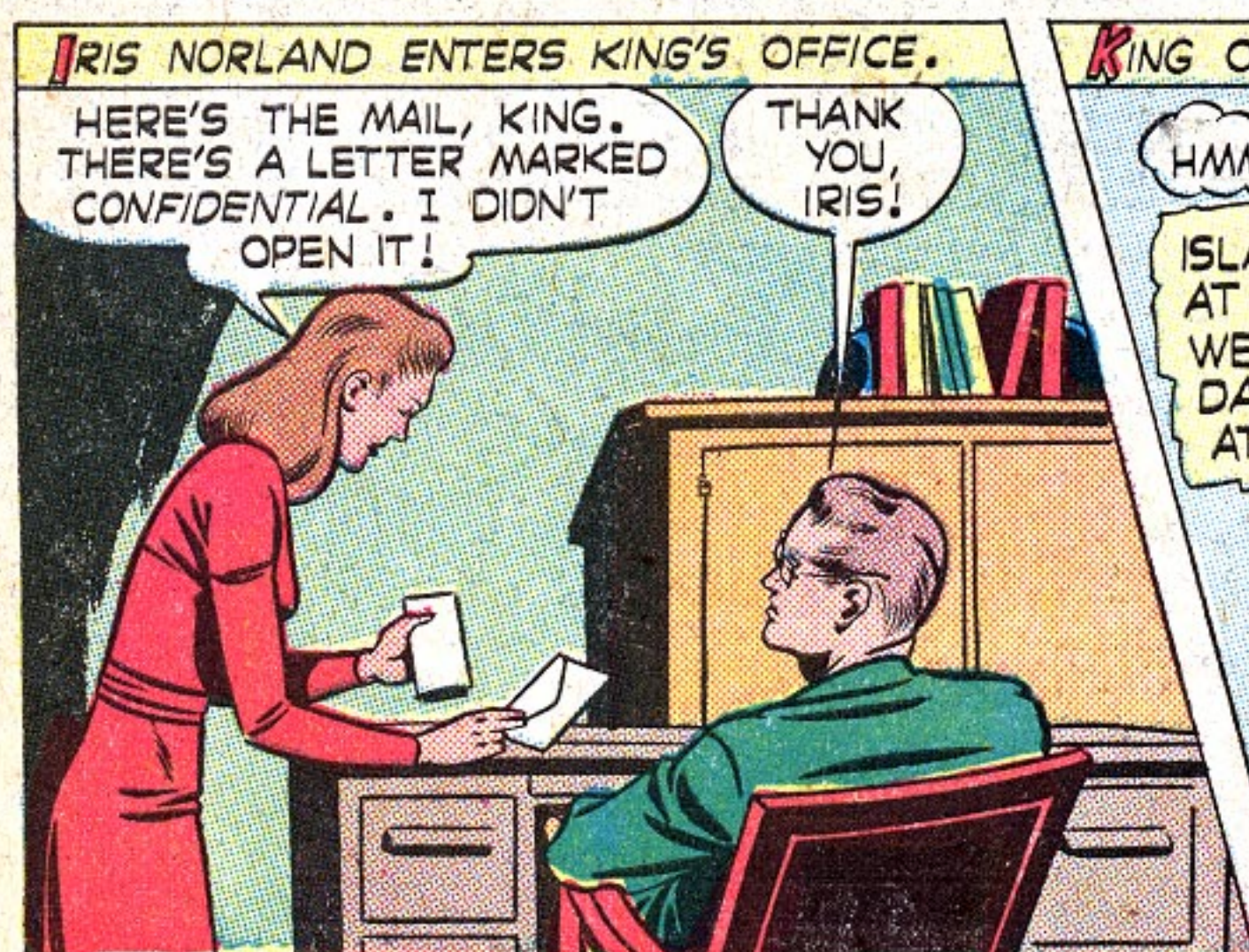
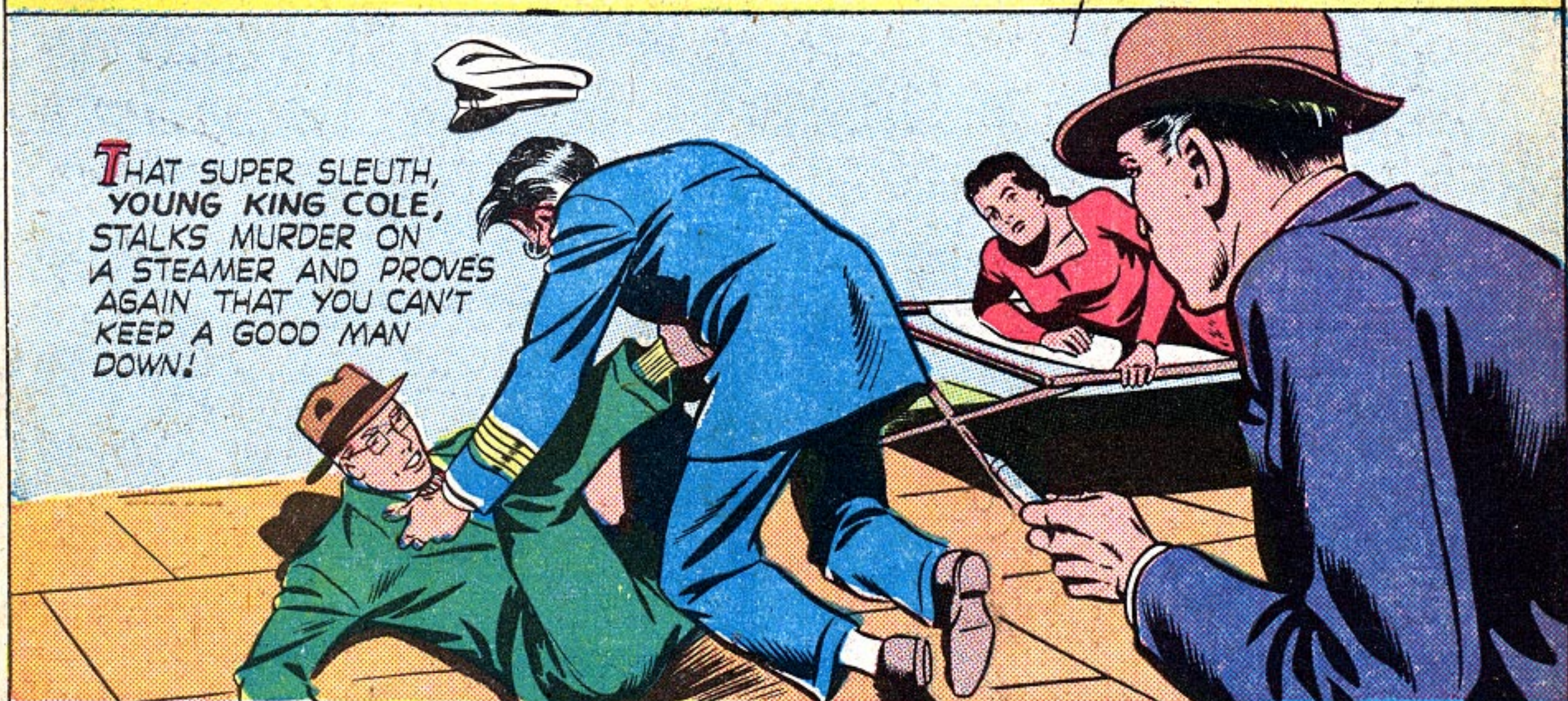
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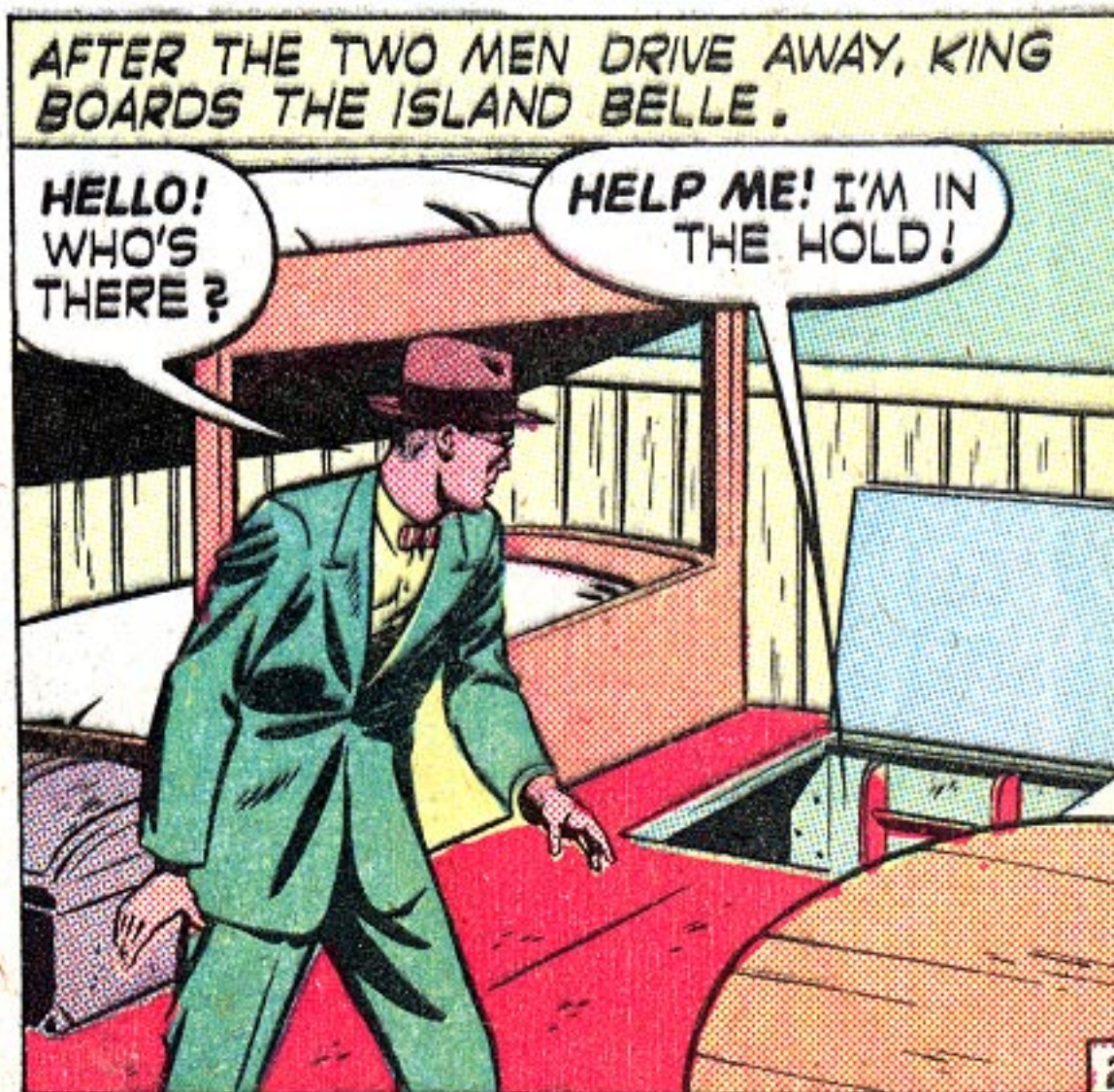
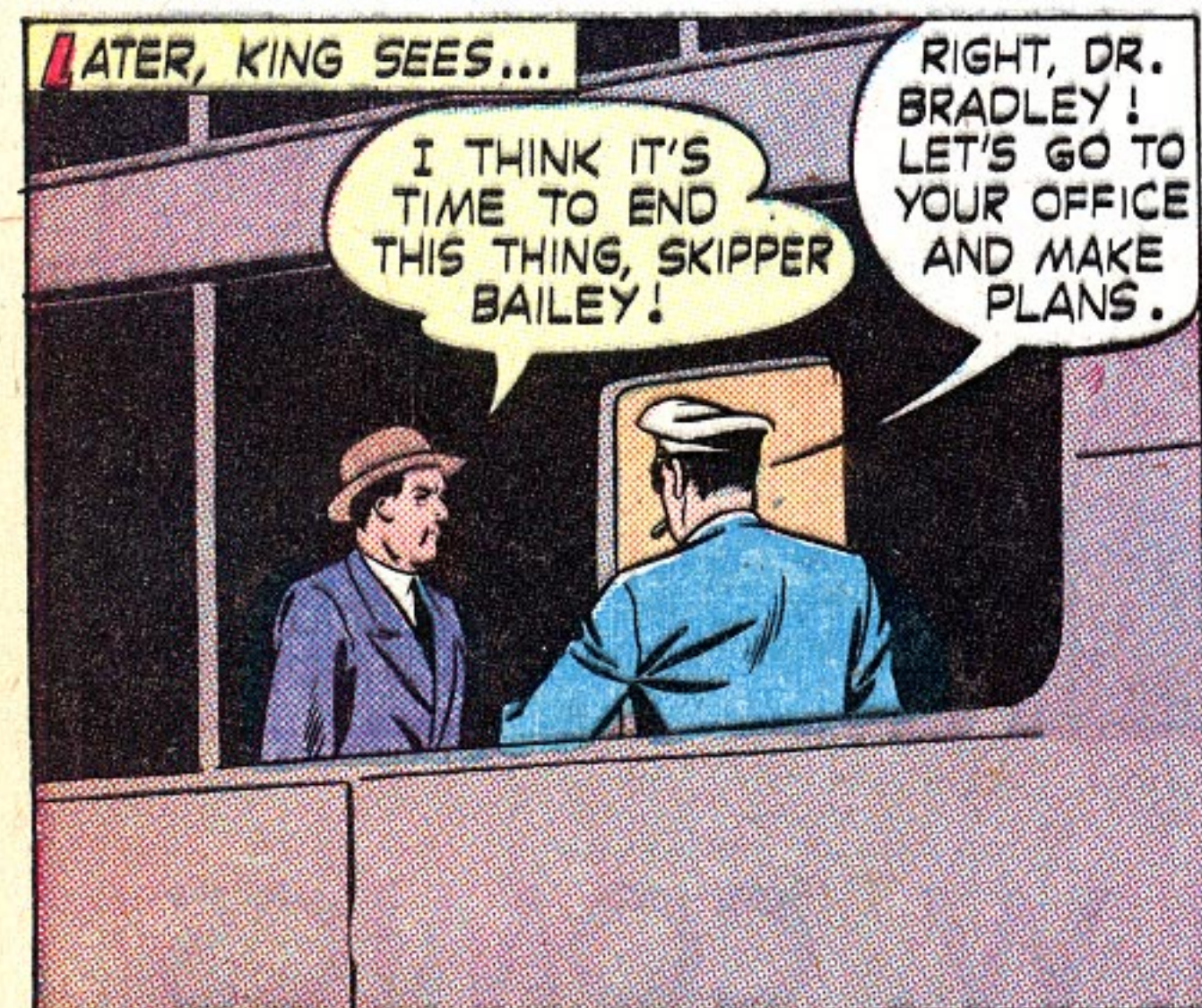
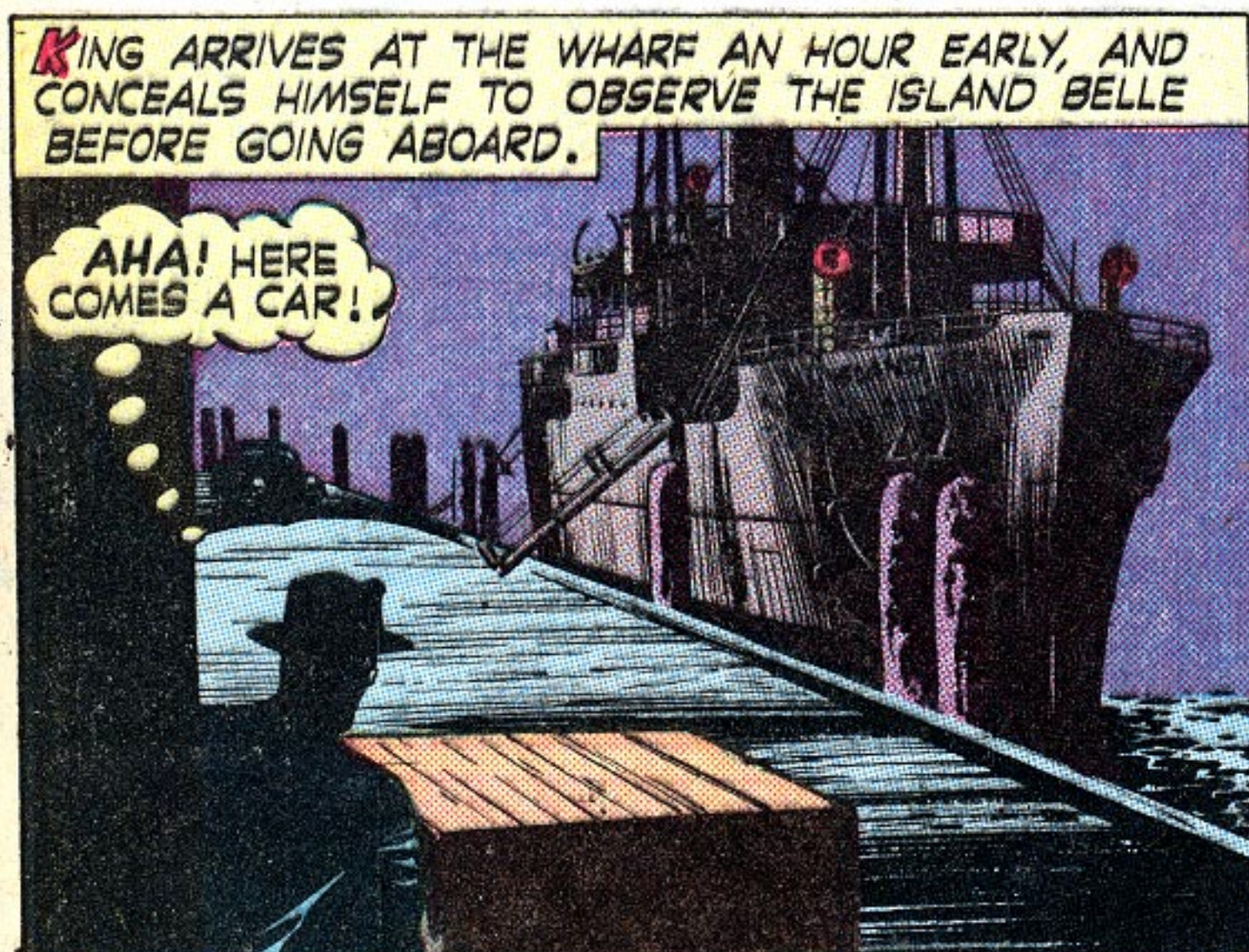


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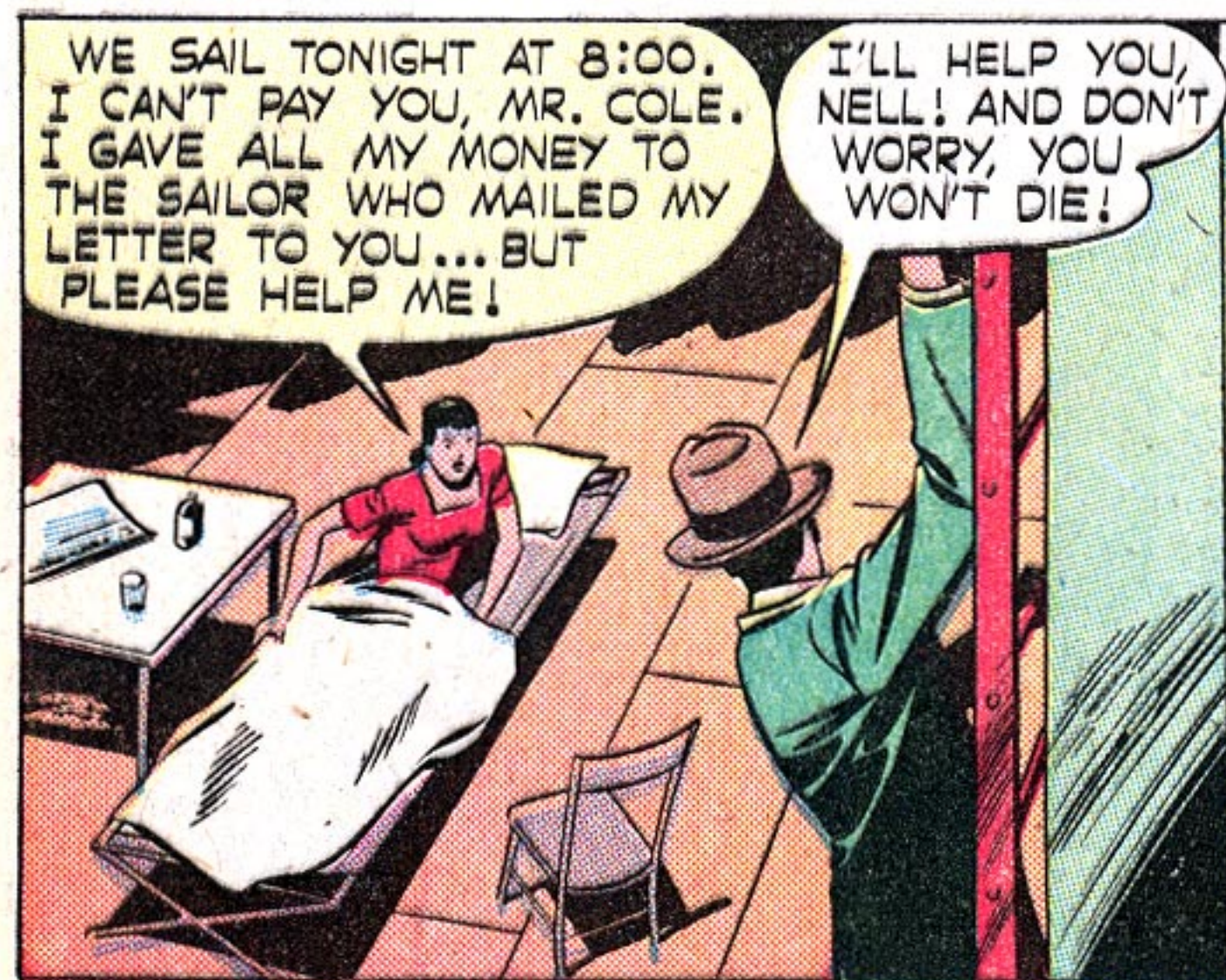
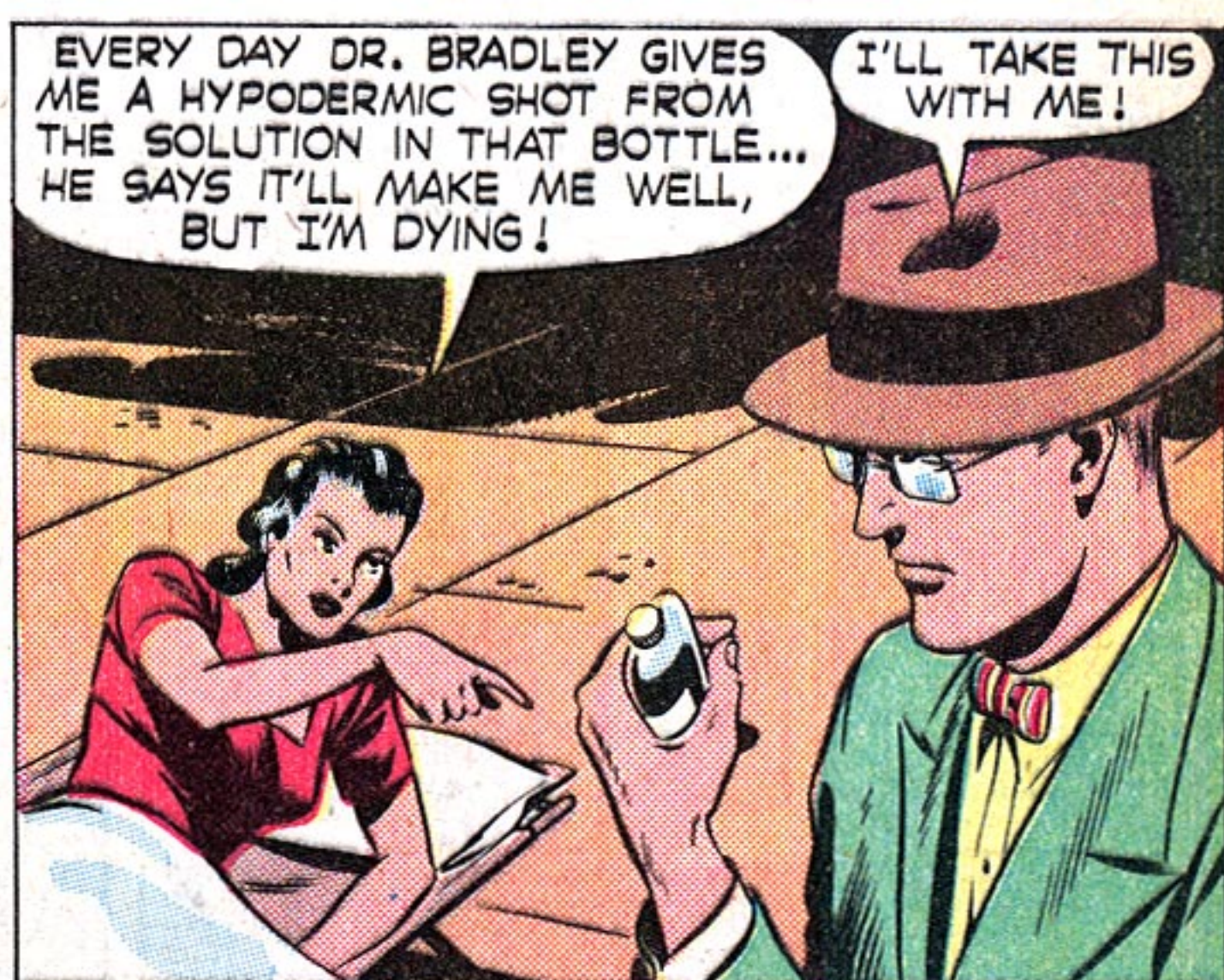
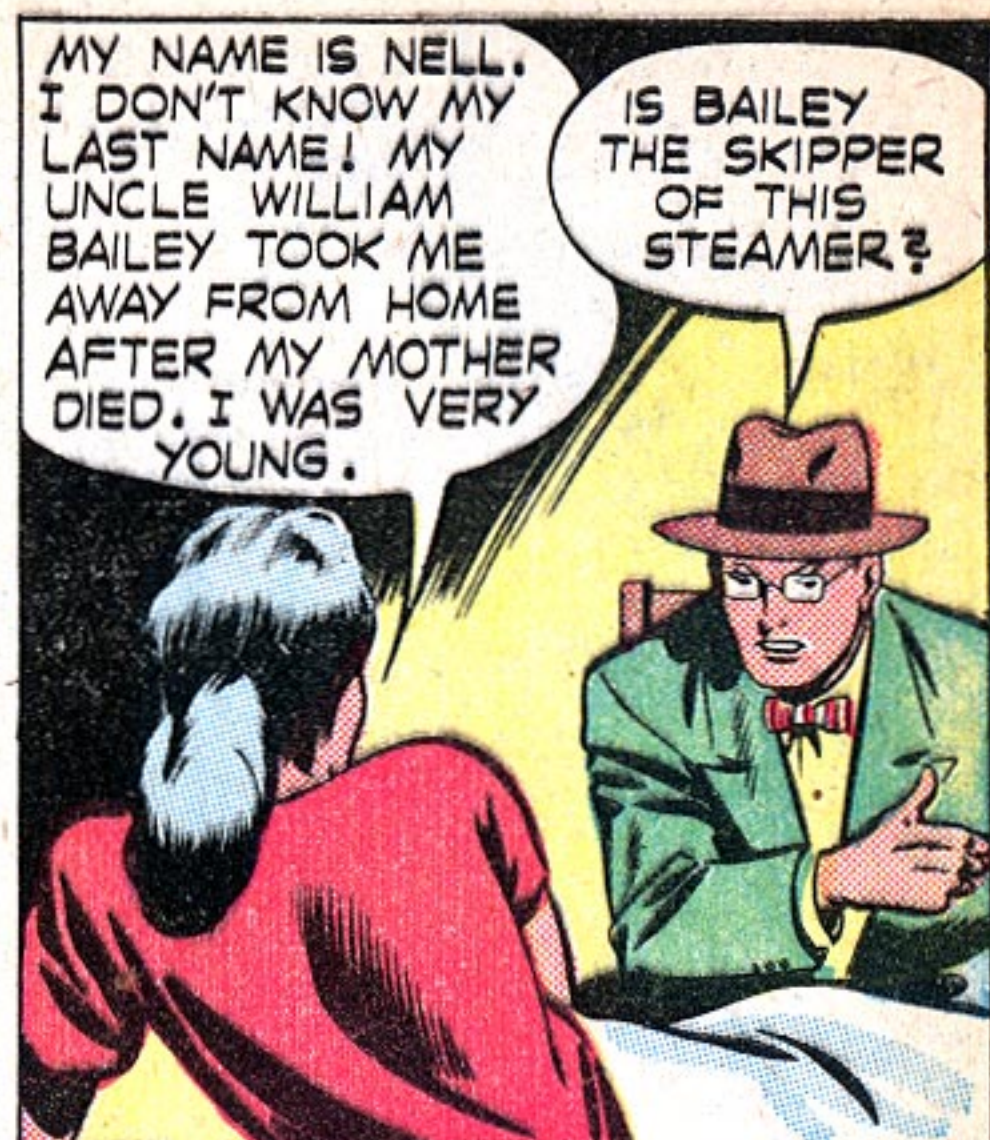
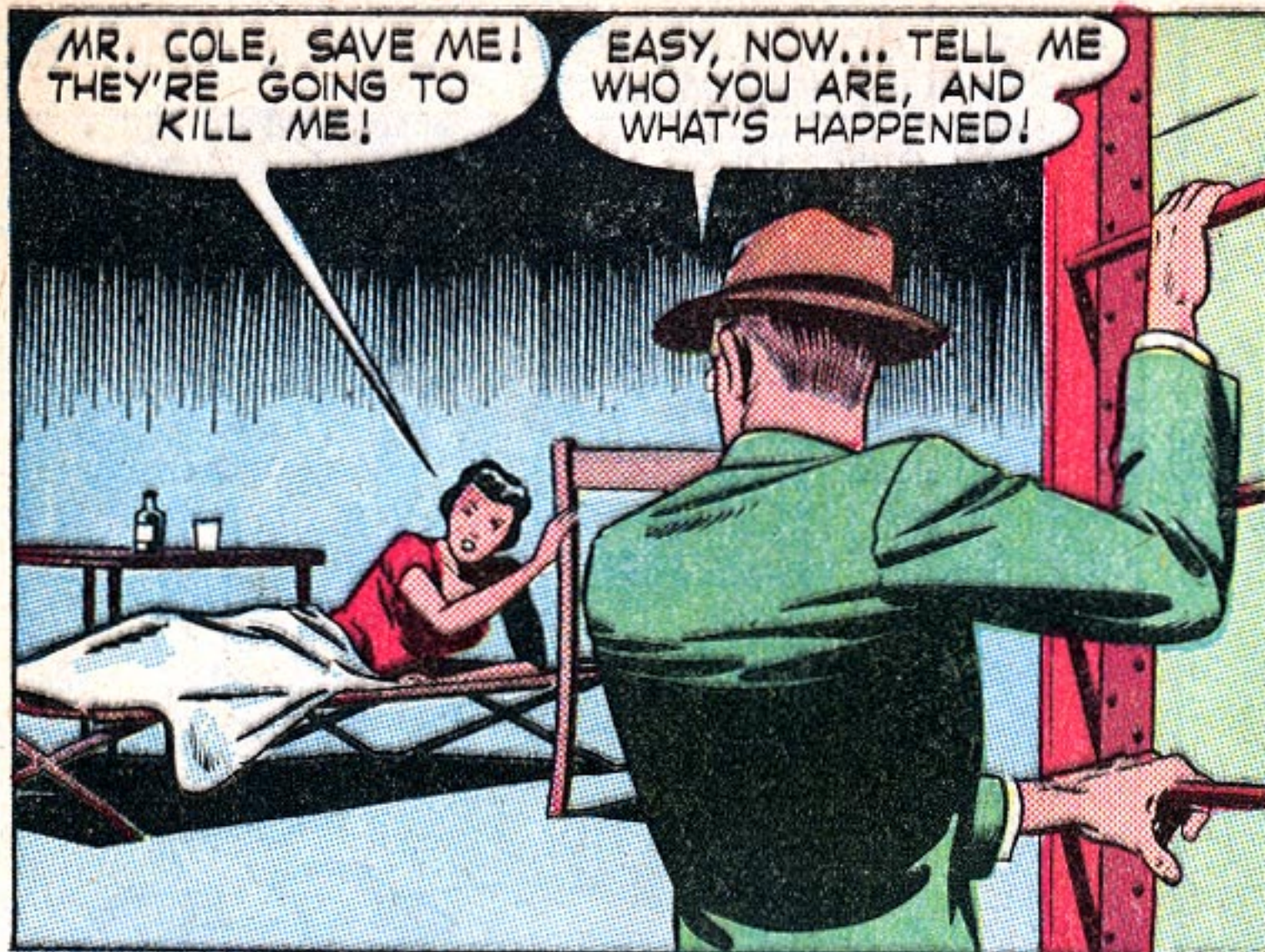


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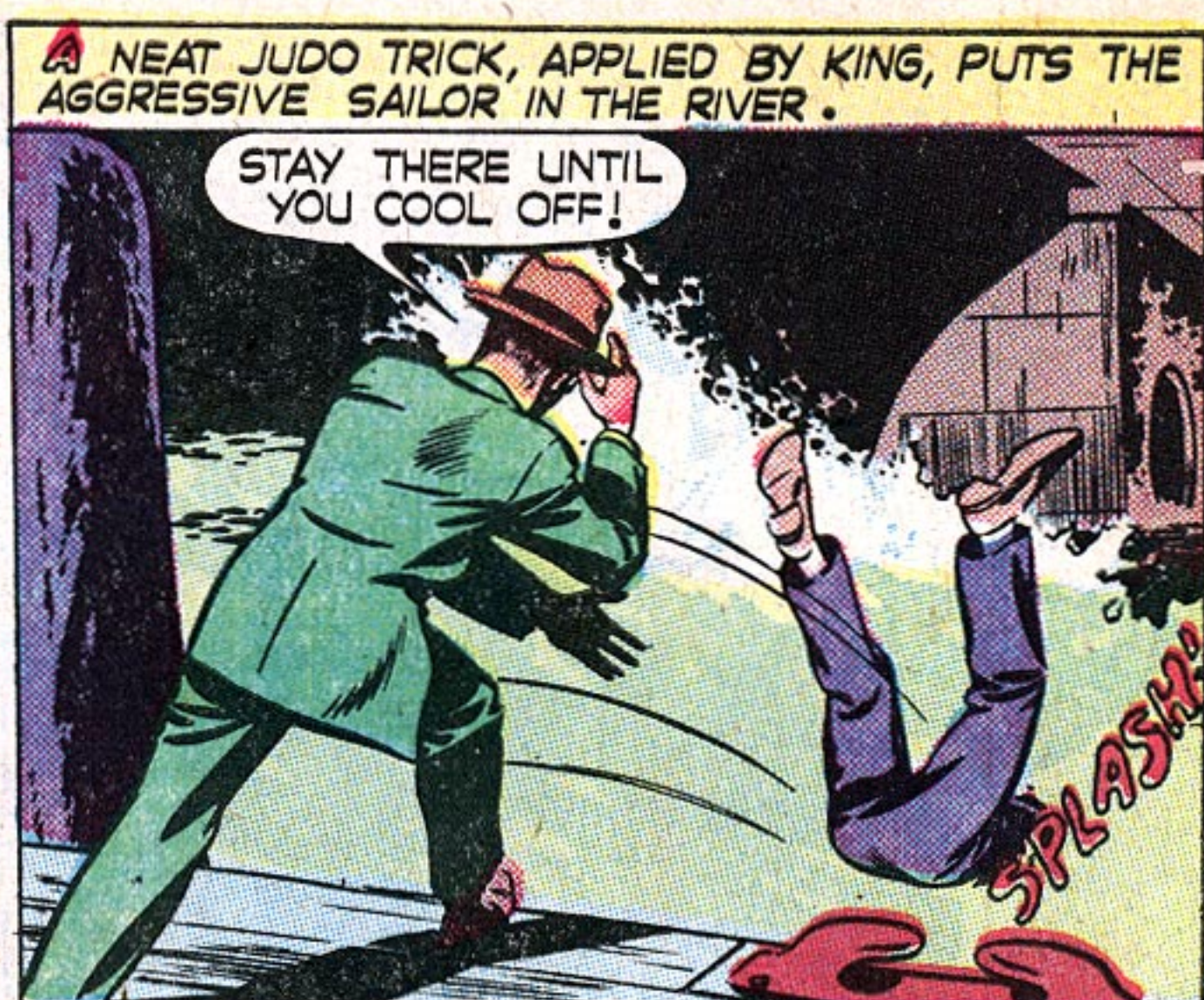






YOU LYING SNOOPER! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

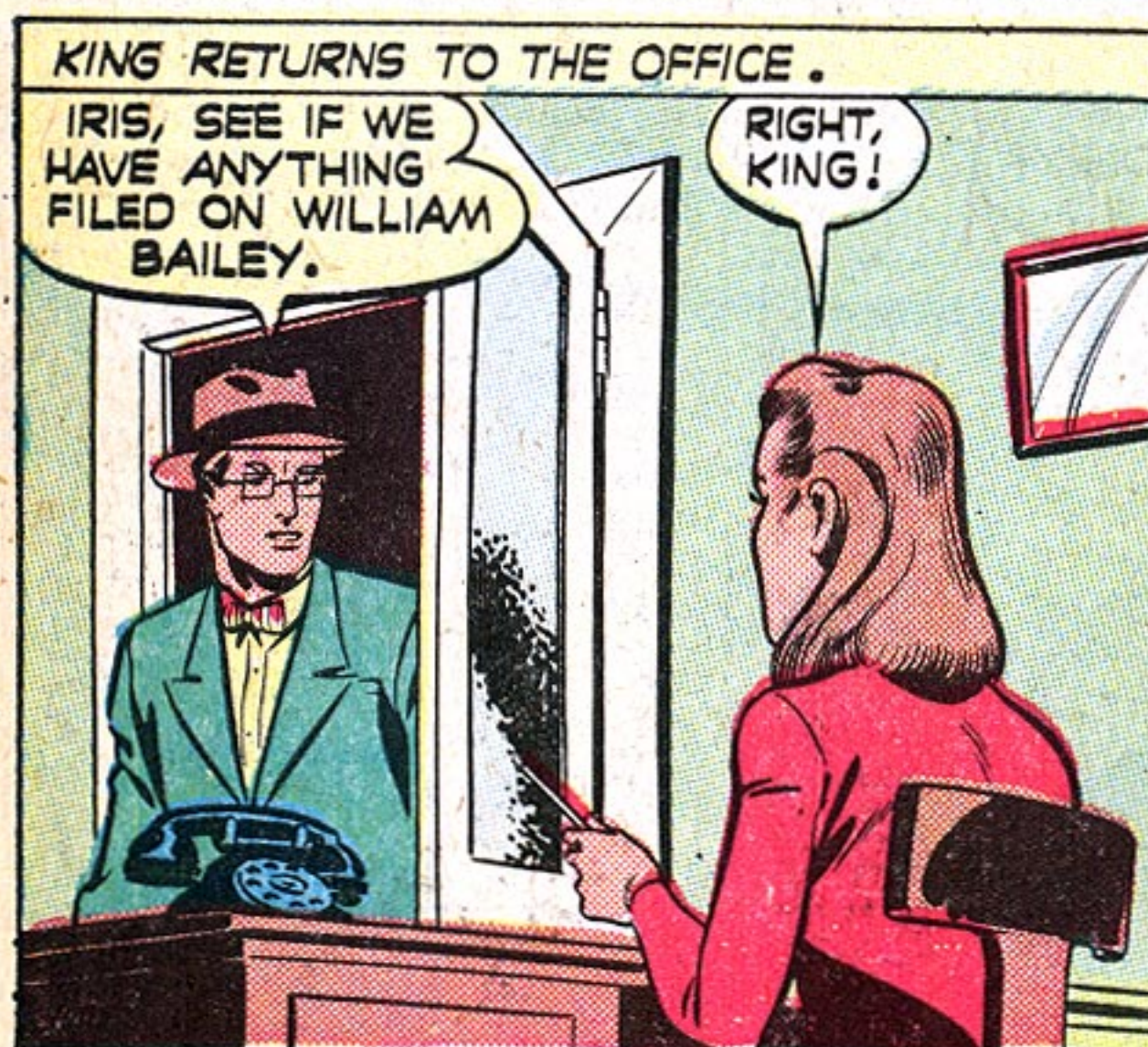
YOU, AT THE MOMENT!



A NEAT JUDO TRICK, APPLIED BY KING, PUTS THE AGGRESSIVE SAILOR IN THE RIVER.

STAY THERE UNTIL YOU COOL OFF!

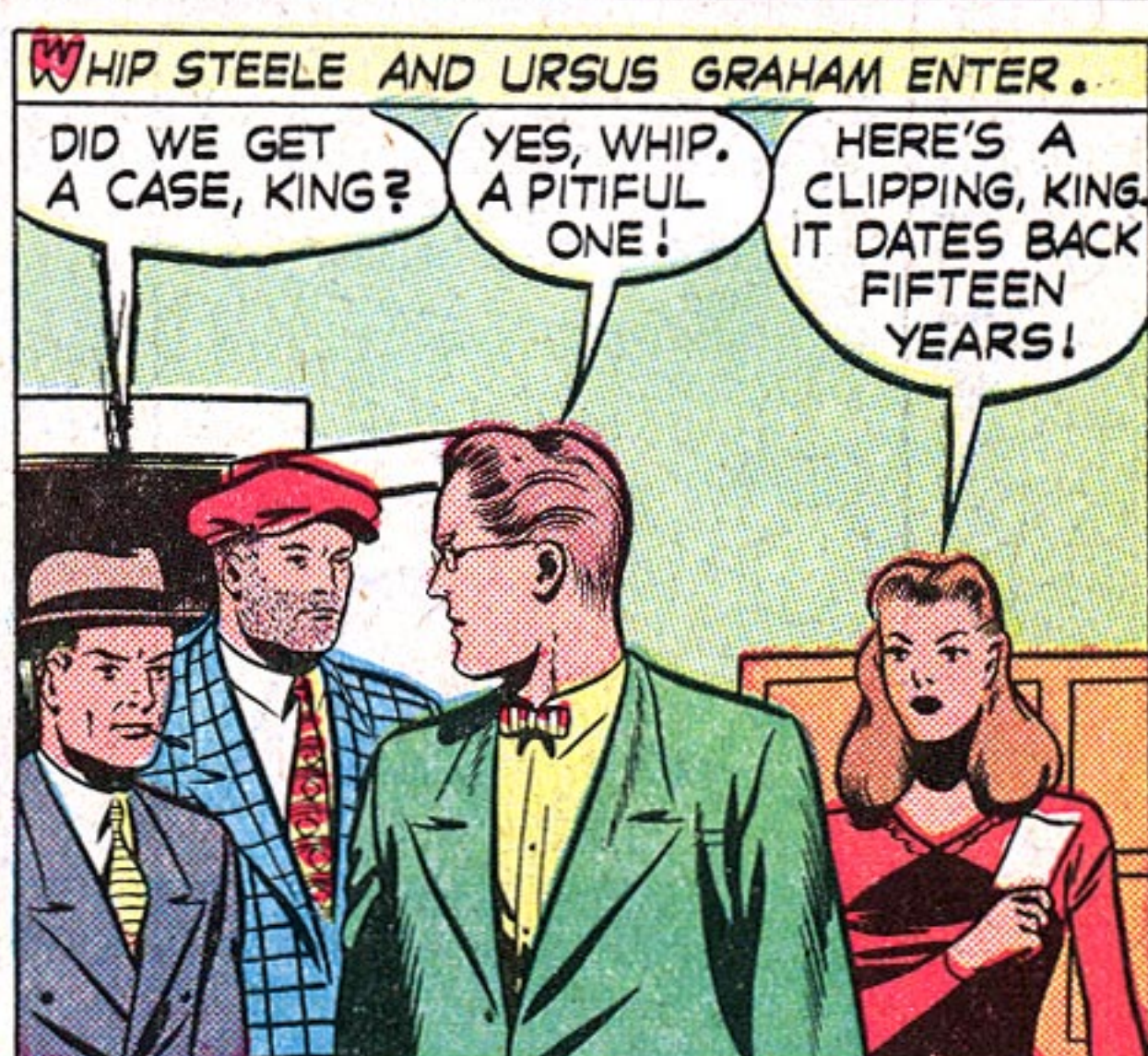
SPLASH!



KING RETURNS TO THE OFFICE.

IRIS, SEE IF WE HAVE ANYTHING FILED ON WILLIAM BAILEY.

RIGHT, KING!

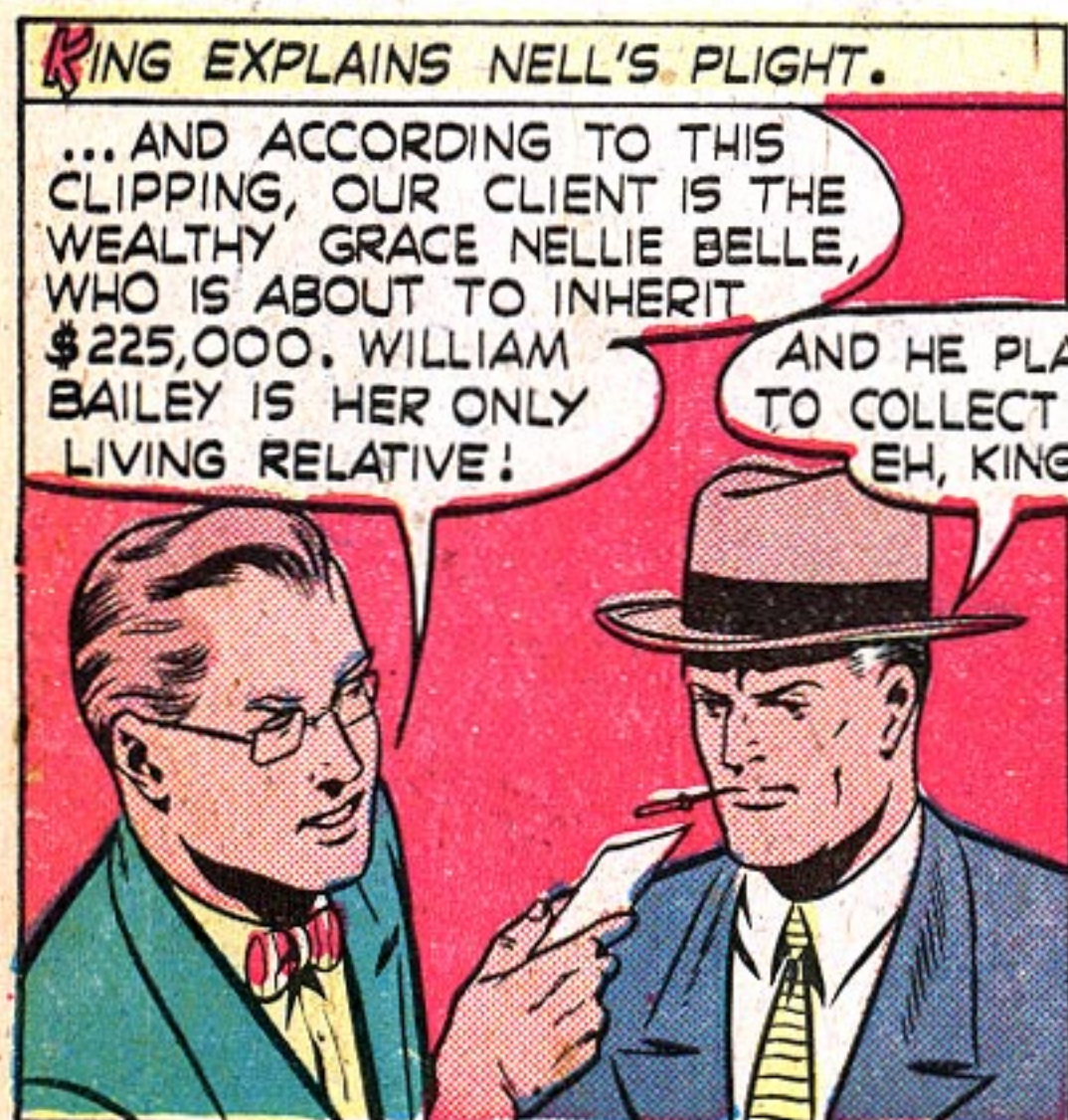


WHIP STEELE AND URSUS GRAHAM ENTER.

DID WE GET A CASE, KING?

YES, WHIP. A PITIFUL ONE!

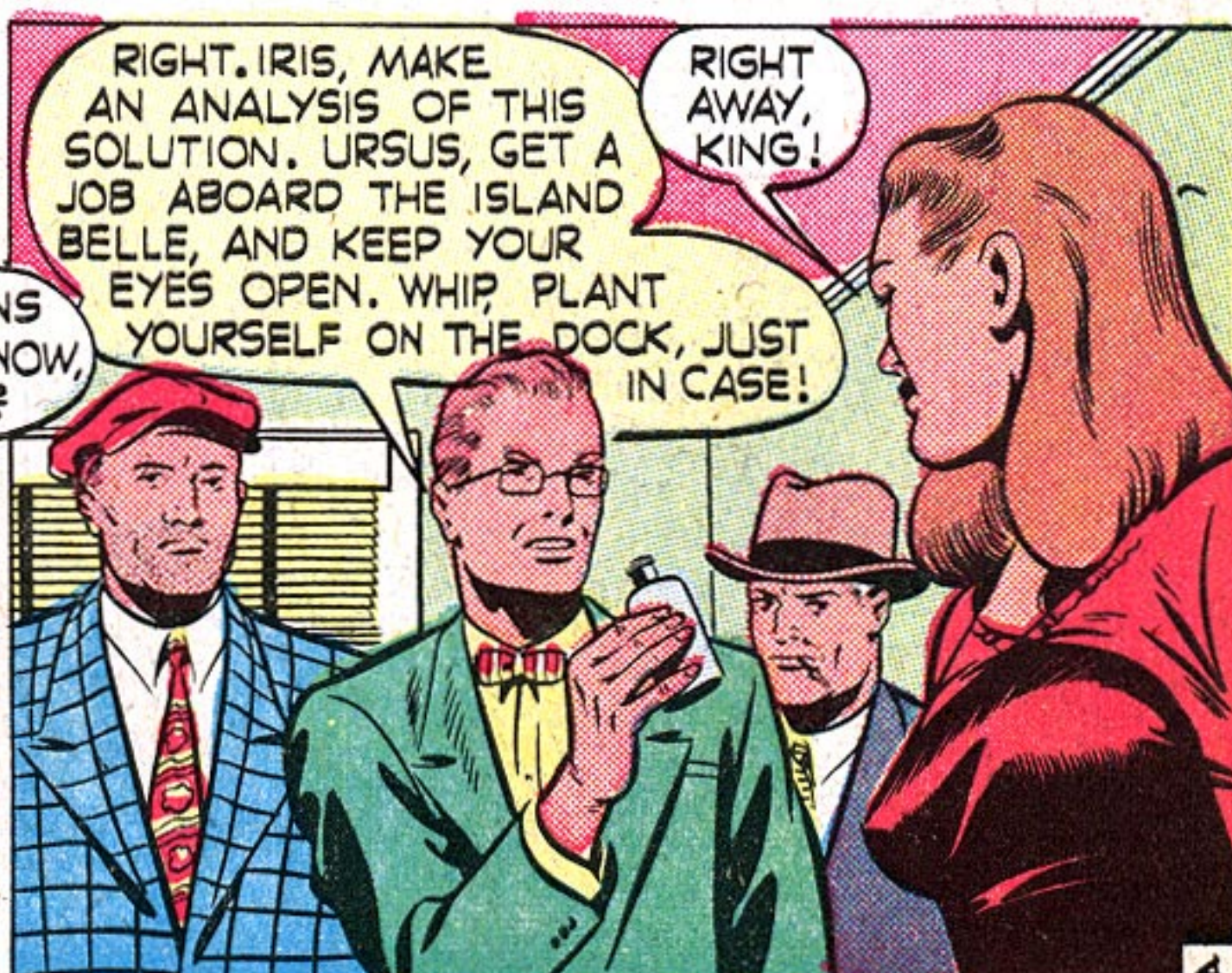
HERE'S A CLIPPING, KING. IT DATES BACK FIFTEEN YEARS!



KING EXPLAINS NELL'S PLIGHT.

...AND ACCORDING TO THIS CLIPPING, OUR CLIENT IS THE WEALTHY GRACE NELLIE BELLE, WHO IS ABOUT TO INHERIT \$225,000. WILLIAM BAILEY IS HER ONLY LIVING RELATIVE!

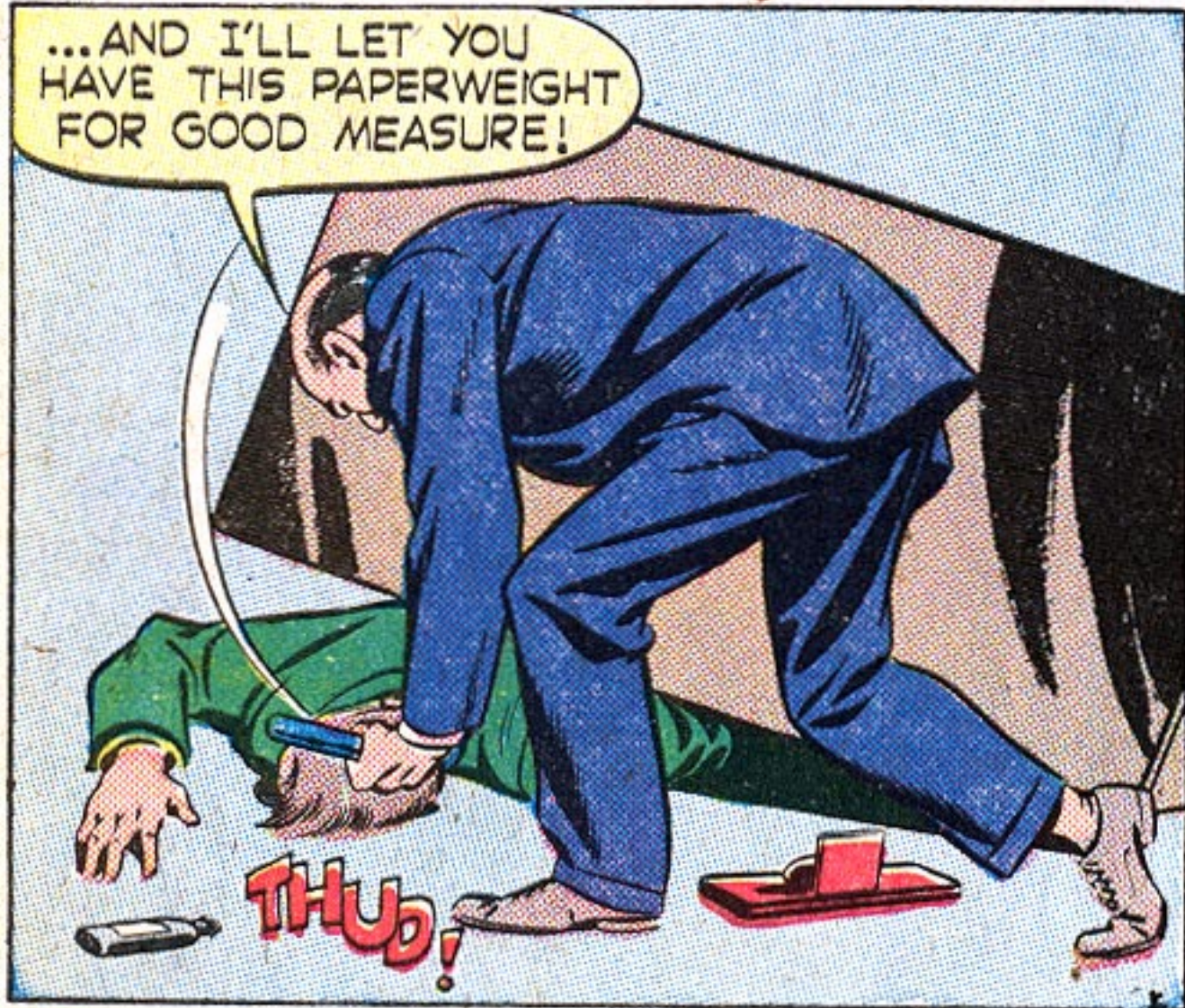
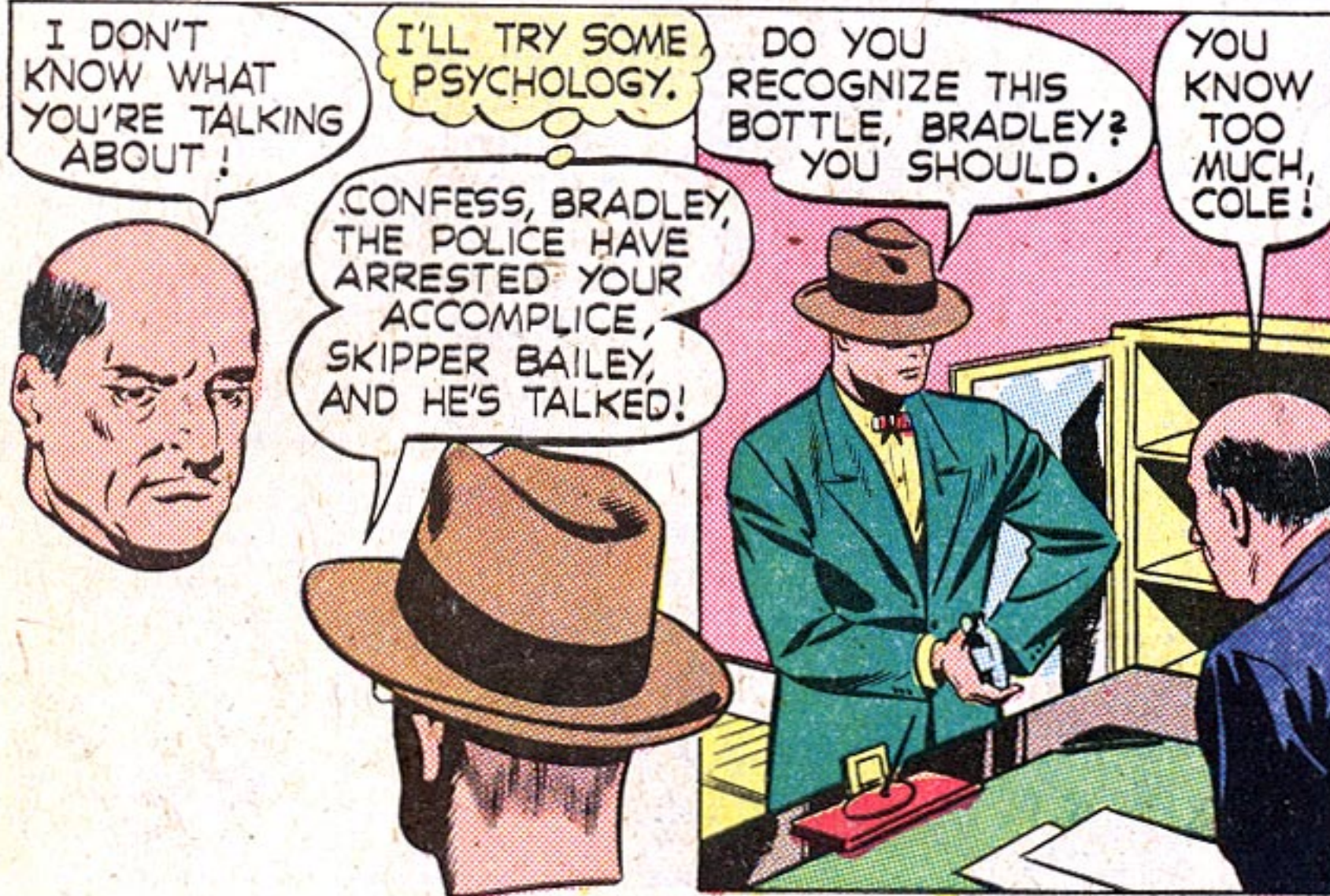
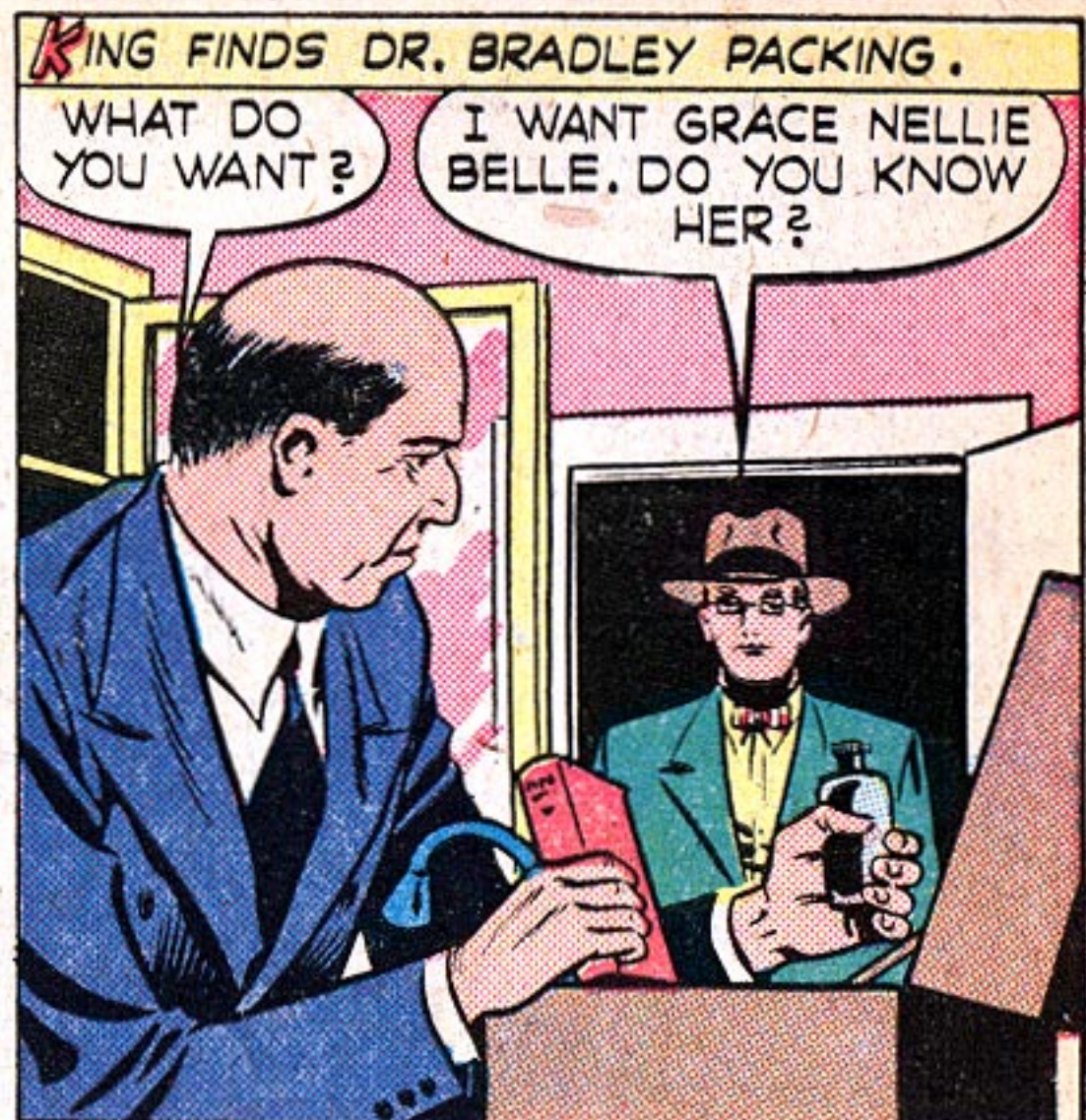
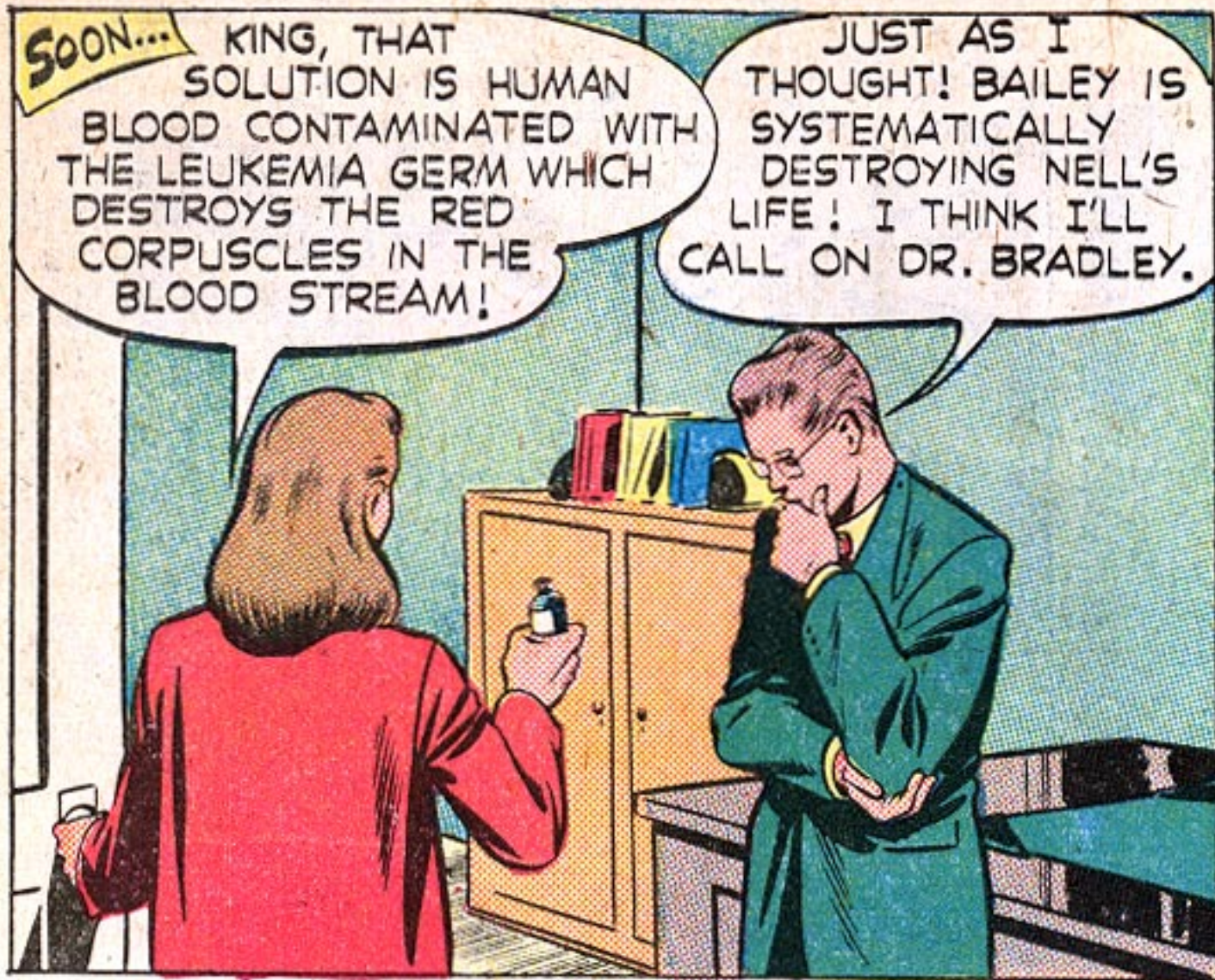
AND HE PLANS TO COLLECT NOW, EH, KING?



RIGHT. IRIS, MAKE AN ANALYSIS OF THIS SOLUTION. URSUS, GET A JOB ABOARD THE ISLAND BELLE, AND KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN. WHIP, PLANT YOURSELF ON THE DOCK, JUST IN CASE!

RIGHT AWAY, KING!



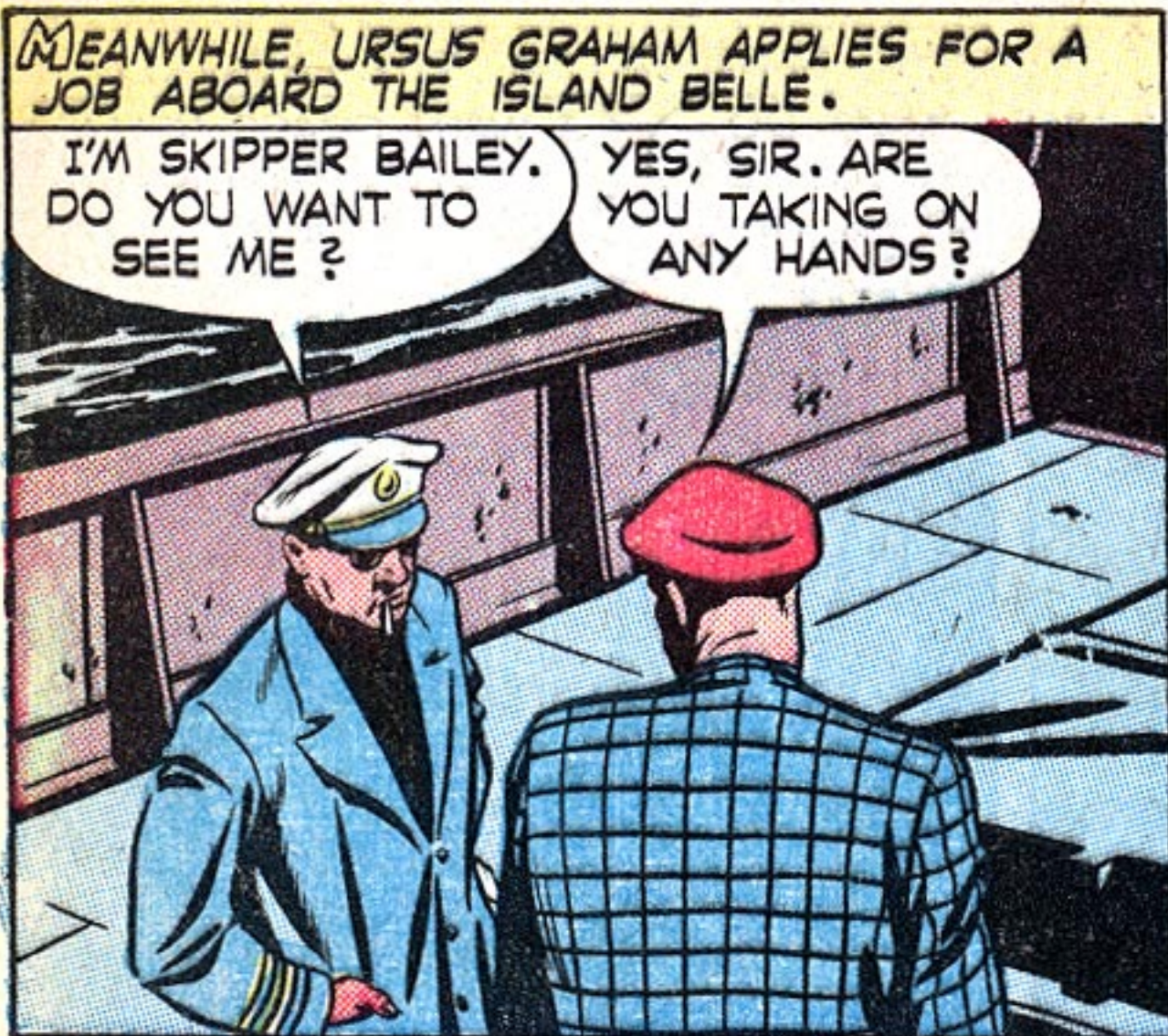




MEANWHILE, URSUS GRAHAM APPLIES FOR A JOB ABOARD THE ISLAND BELLE.

I'M SKIPPER BAILEY. DO YOU WANT TO SEE ME?

YES, SIR. ARE YOU TAKING ON ANY HANDS?

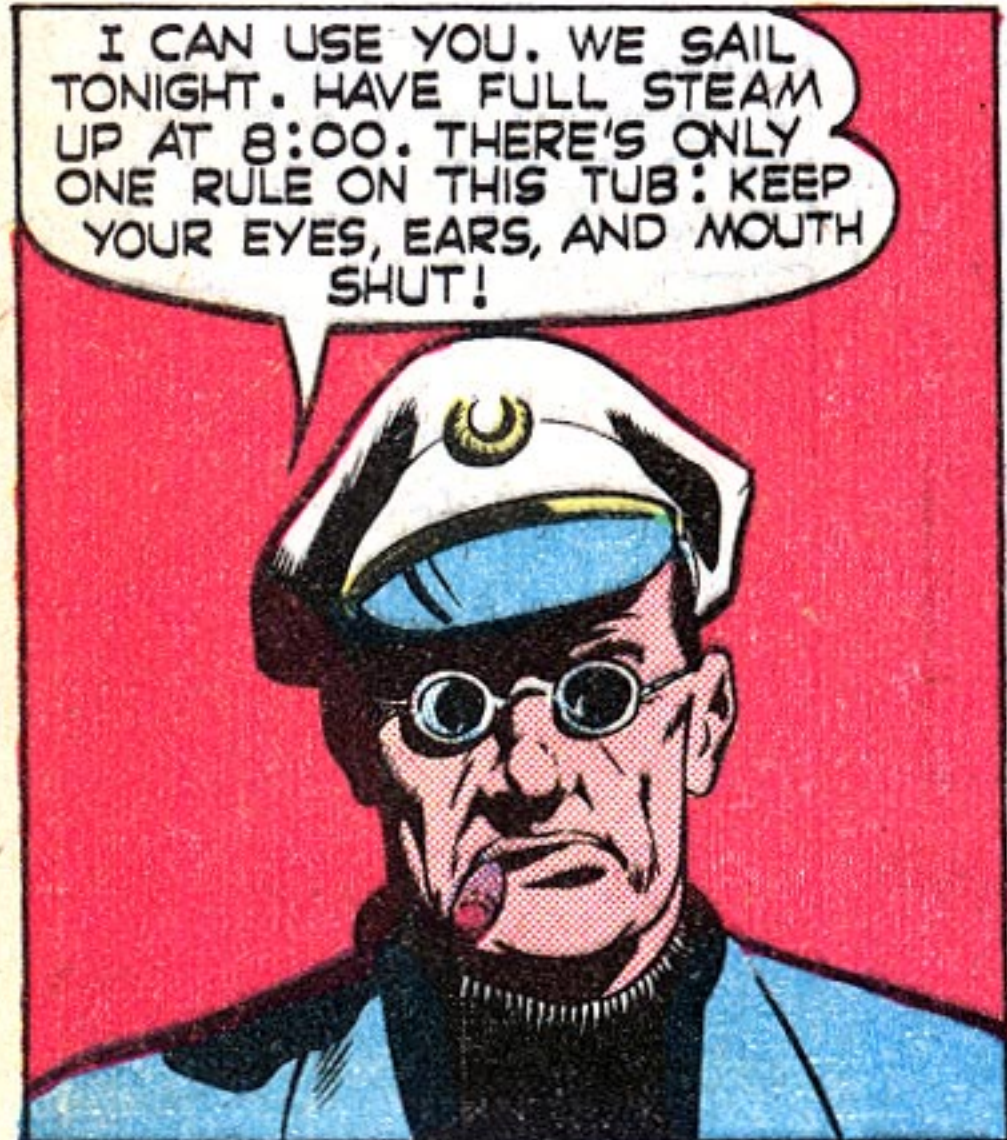


WHAT DO YOU DO?

FIREMAN, FIRST CLASS.



I CAN USE YOU. WE SAIL TONIGHT. HAVE FULL STEAM UP AT 8:00. THERE'S ONLY ONE RULE ON THIS TUB: KEEP YOUR EYES, EARS, AND MOUTH SHUT!



WHIP STEELE HIDES HIMSELF ON THE DOCK TO WATCH THE ISLAND BELLE.



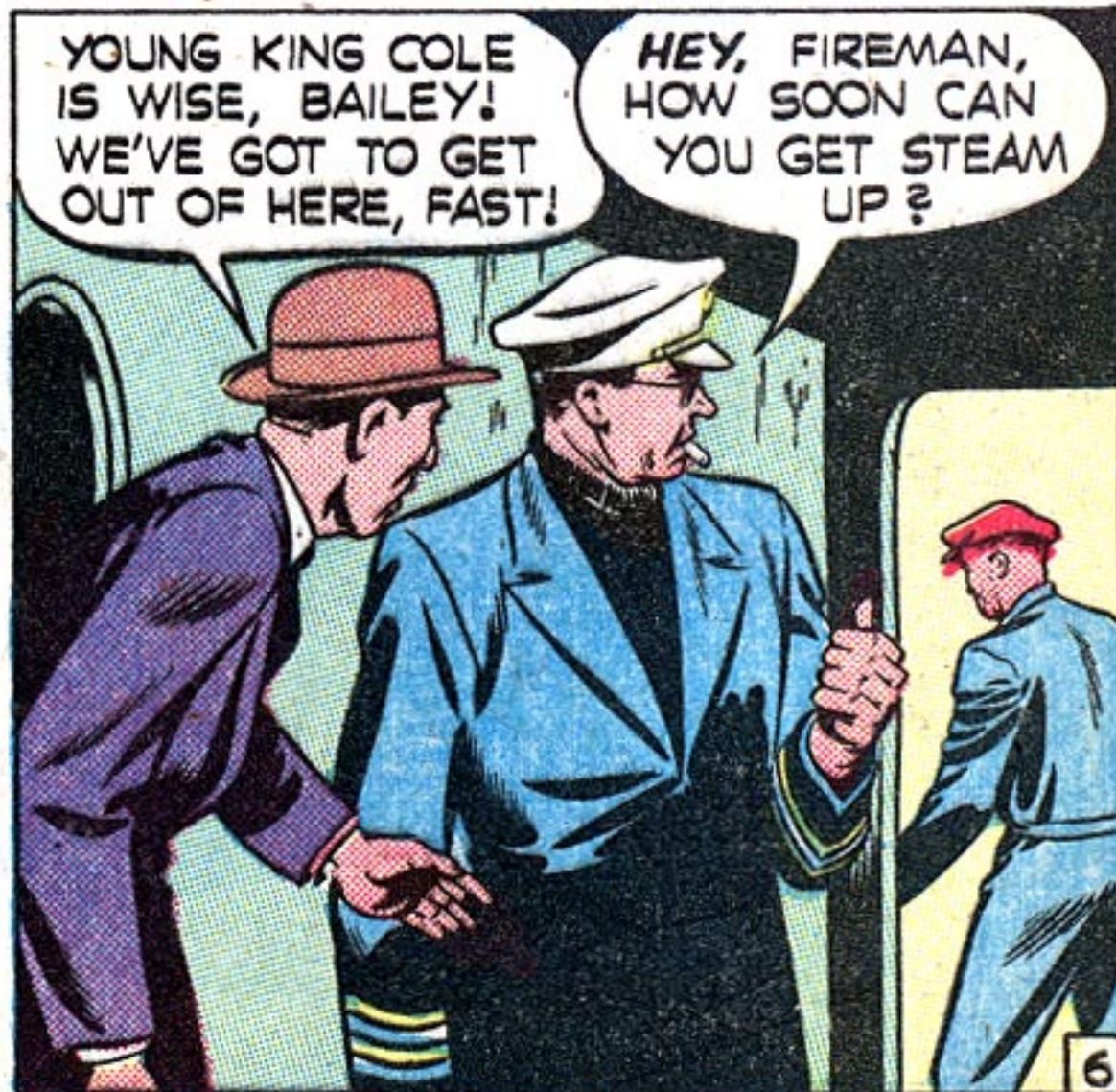
URSUS GOT THE JOB. WONDER WHERE KING IS? THAT CAR IS STOPPING AT THE ISLAND BELLE!

THAT MUST BE DR. BRADLEY GOING ABOARD!

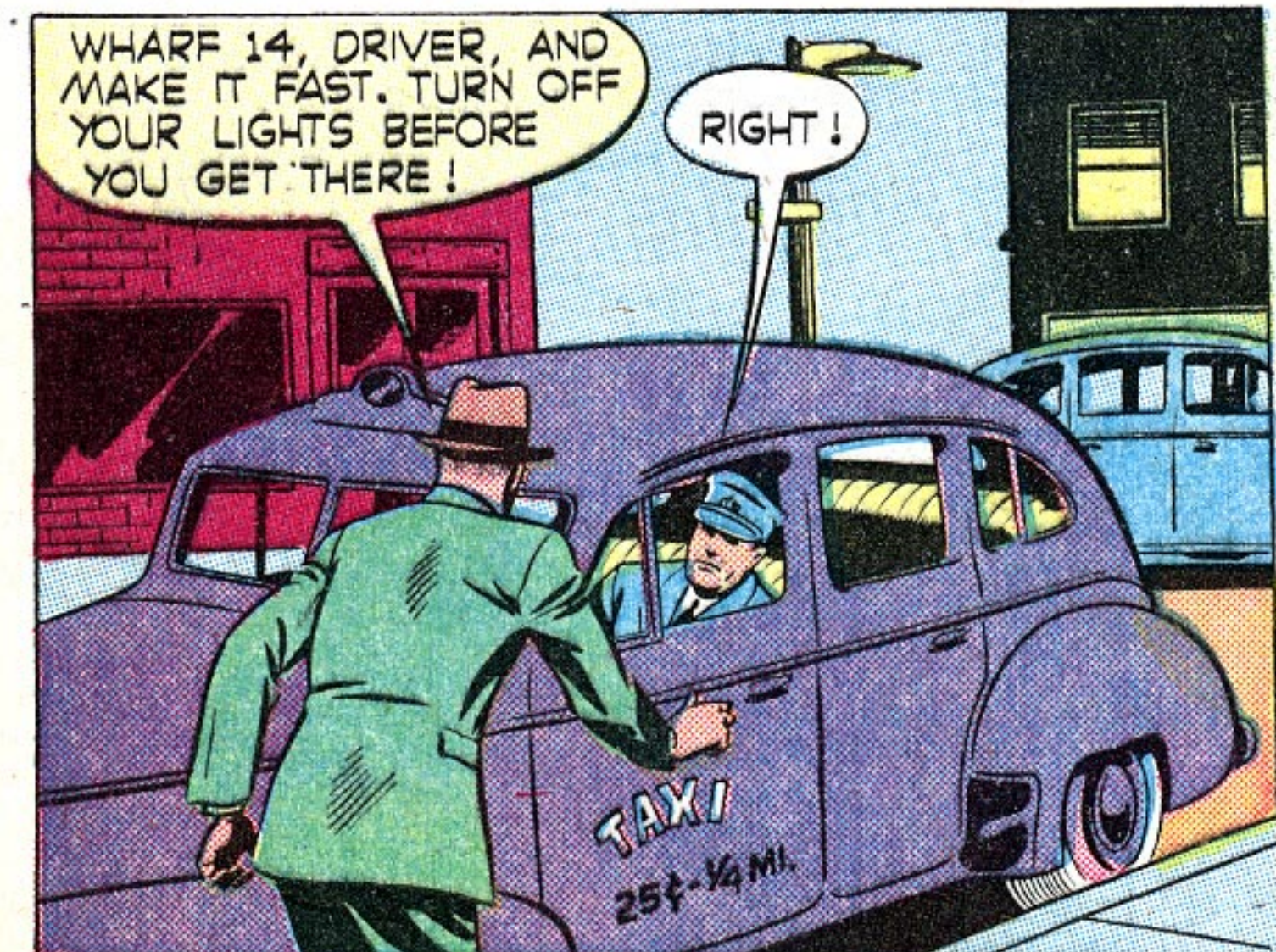
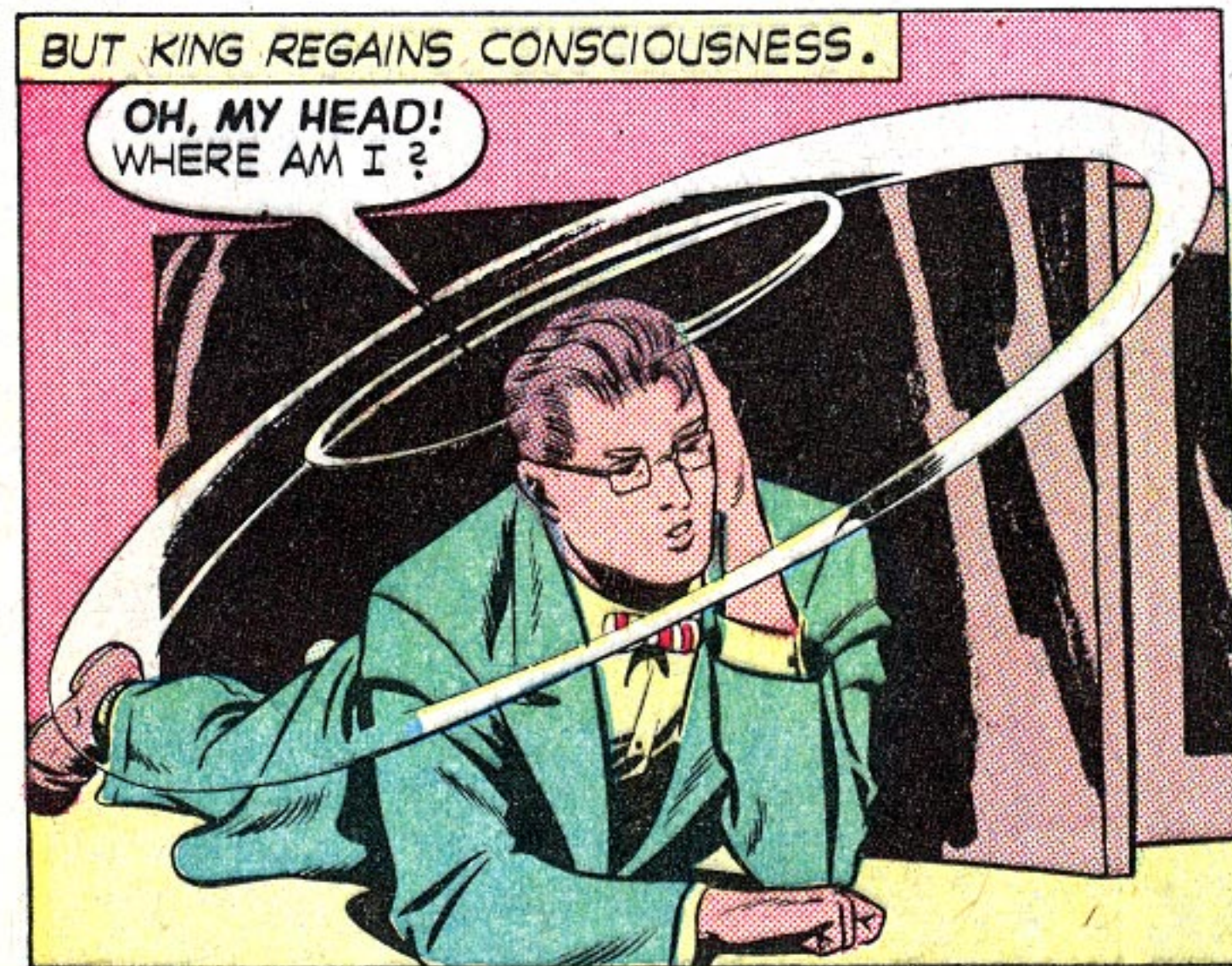
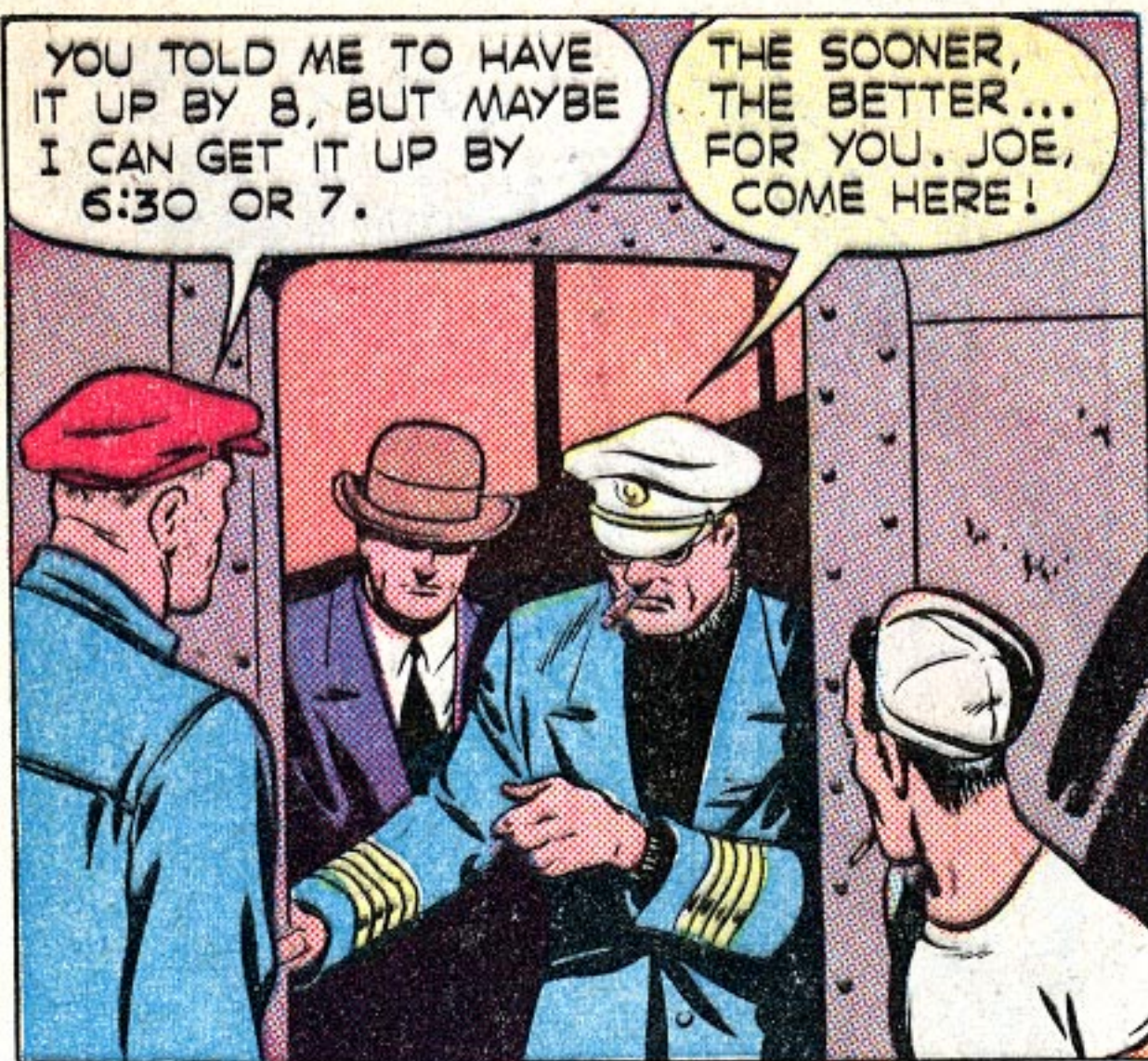


YOUNG KING COLE IS WISE, BAILEY! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE, FAST!

HEY, FIREMAN, HOW SOON CAN YOU GET STEAM UP?

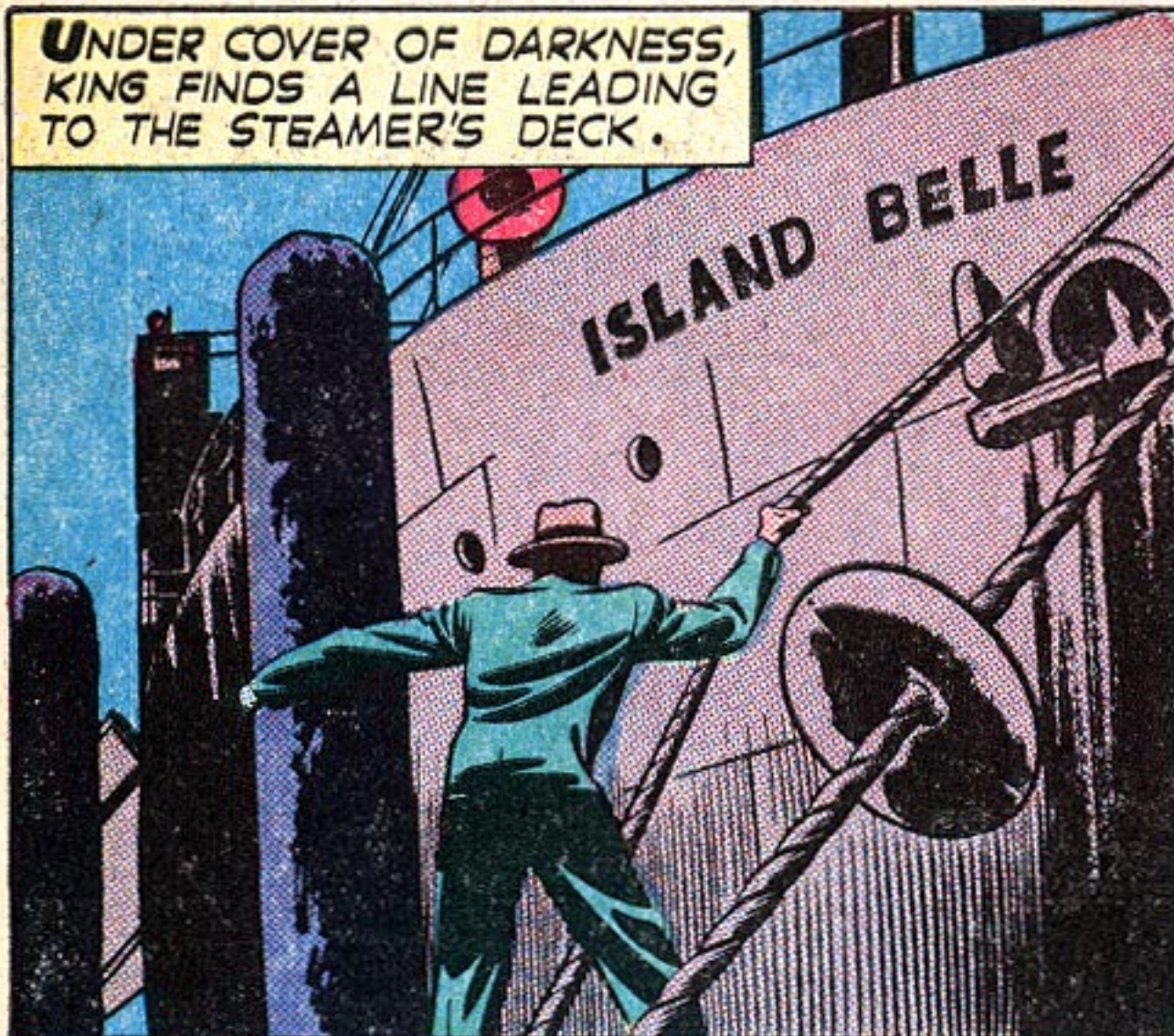








UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS,  
KING FINDS A LINE LEADING  
TO THE STEAMER'S DECK.



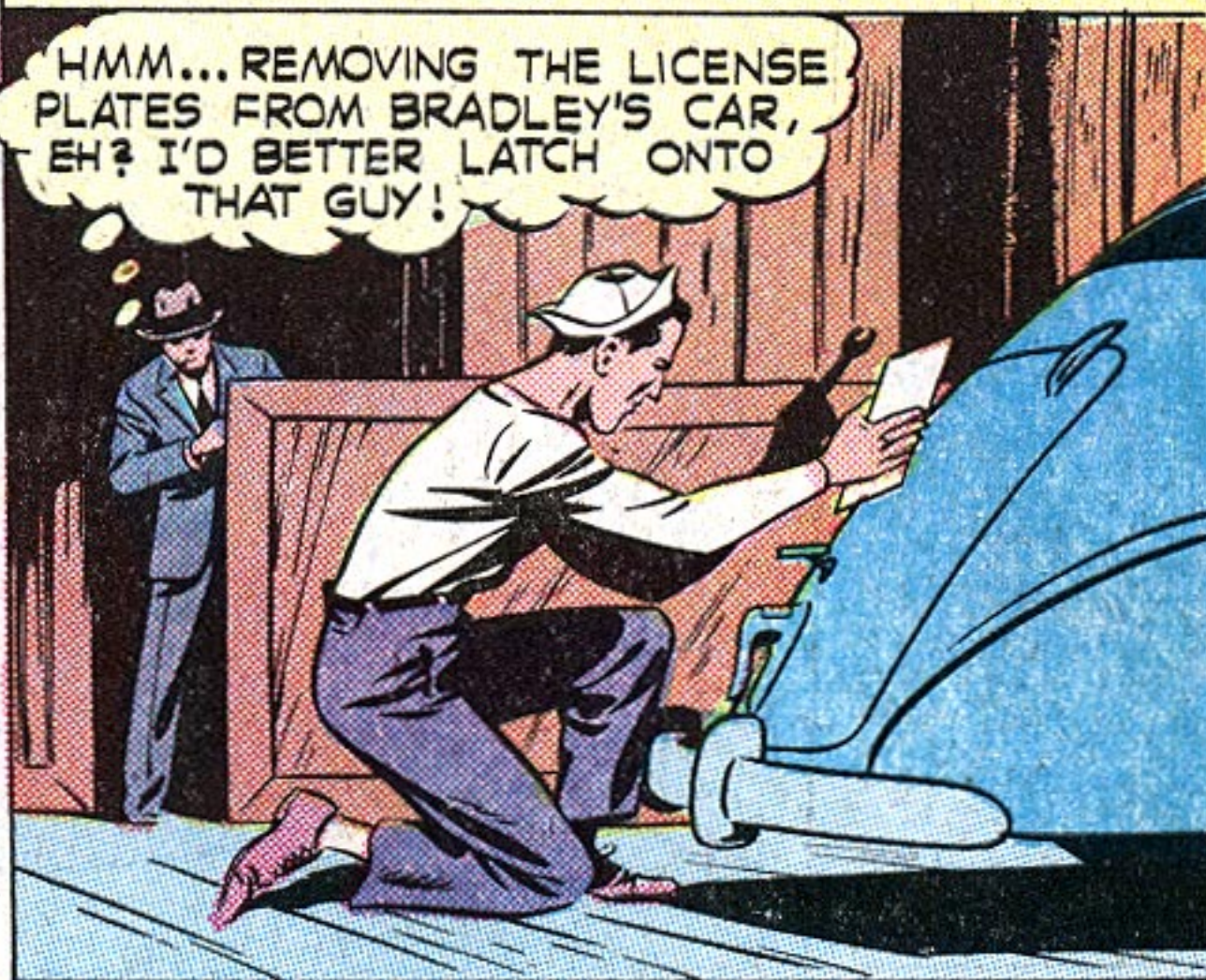
WE'RE LEAVING IN HALF  
AN HOUR, JOE, SO GET  
GOING WITH MY CAR!  
WE'LL PICK YOU UP AT  
THE COVE IN AN HOUR!

HMM. HOPE  
WHIP TRAILS  
HIM!

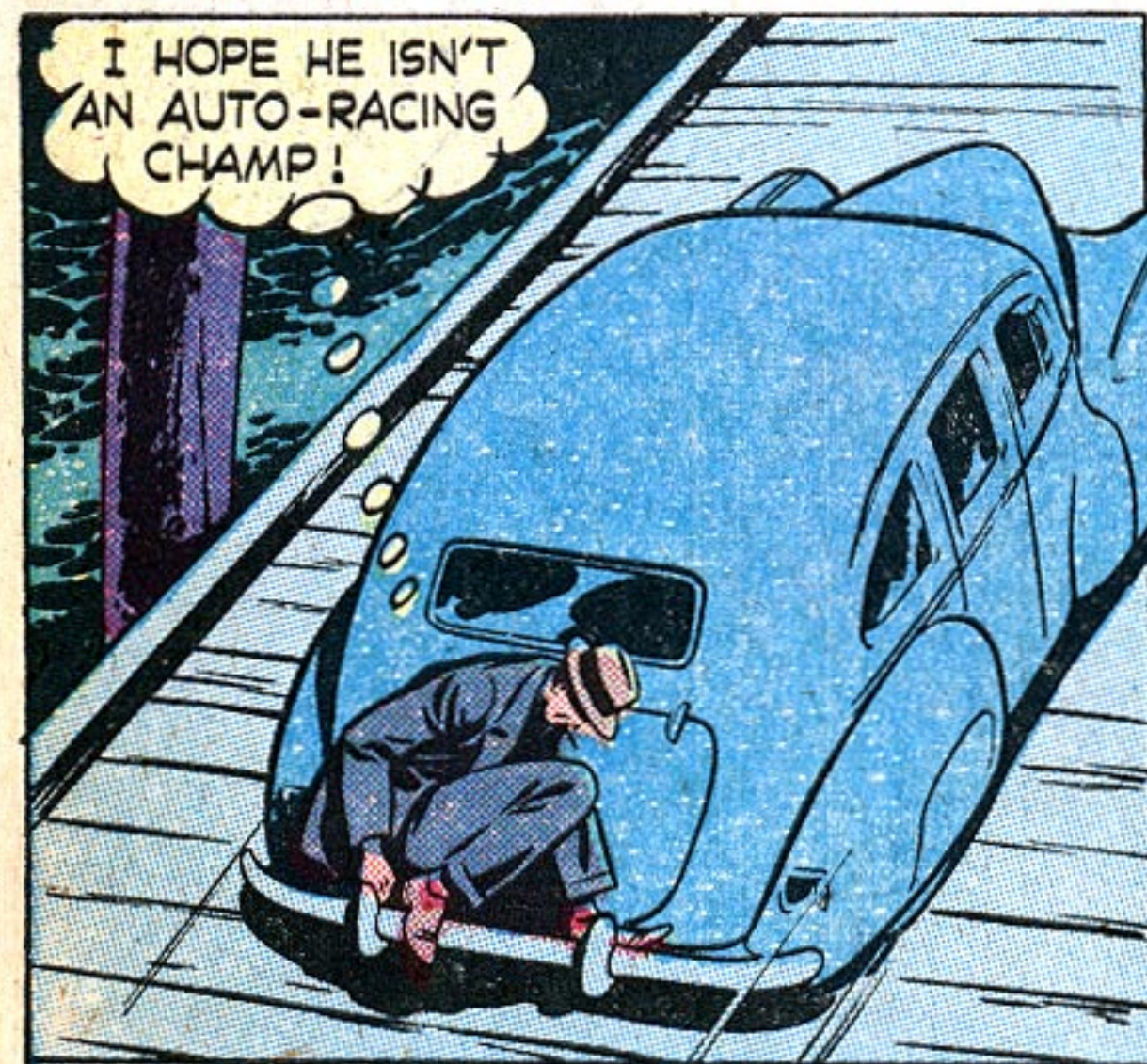


WHIP STEELE WATCHES JOE GO INTO ACTION.

HMM...REMOVING THE LICENSE  
PLATES FROM BRADLEY'S CAR,  
EH? I'D BETTER LATCH ONTO  
THAT GUY!

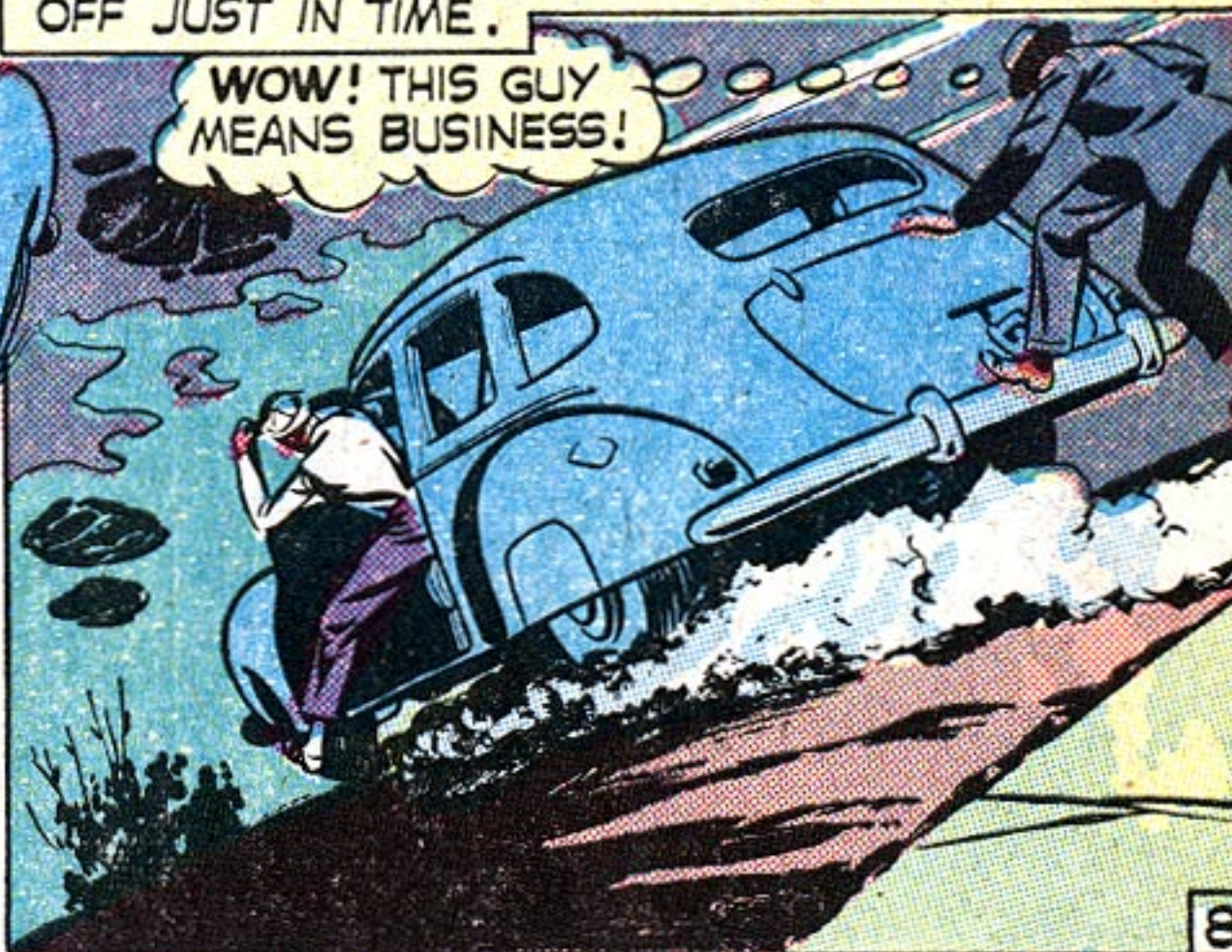


I HOPE HE ISN'T  
AN AUTO-RACING  
CHAMP!



AT THE HIDDEN COVE, JOE HEADS THE CAR  
TOWARD THE WATER AND JUMPS..WHIP LEAPS  
OFF JUST IN TIME.

WOW! THIS GUY  
MEANS BUSINESS!







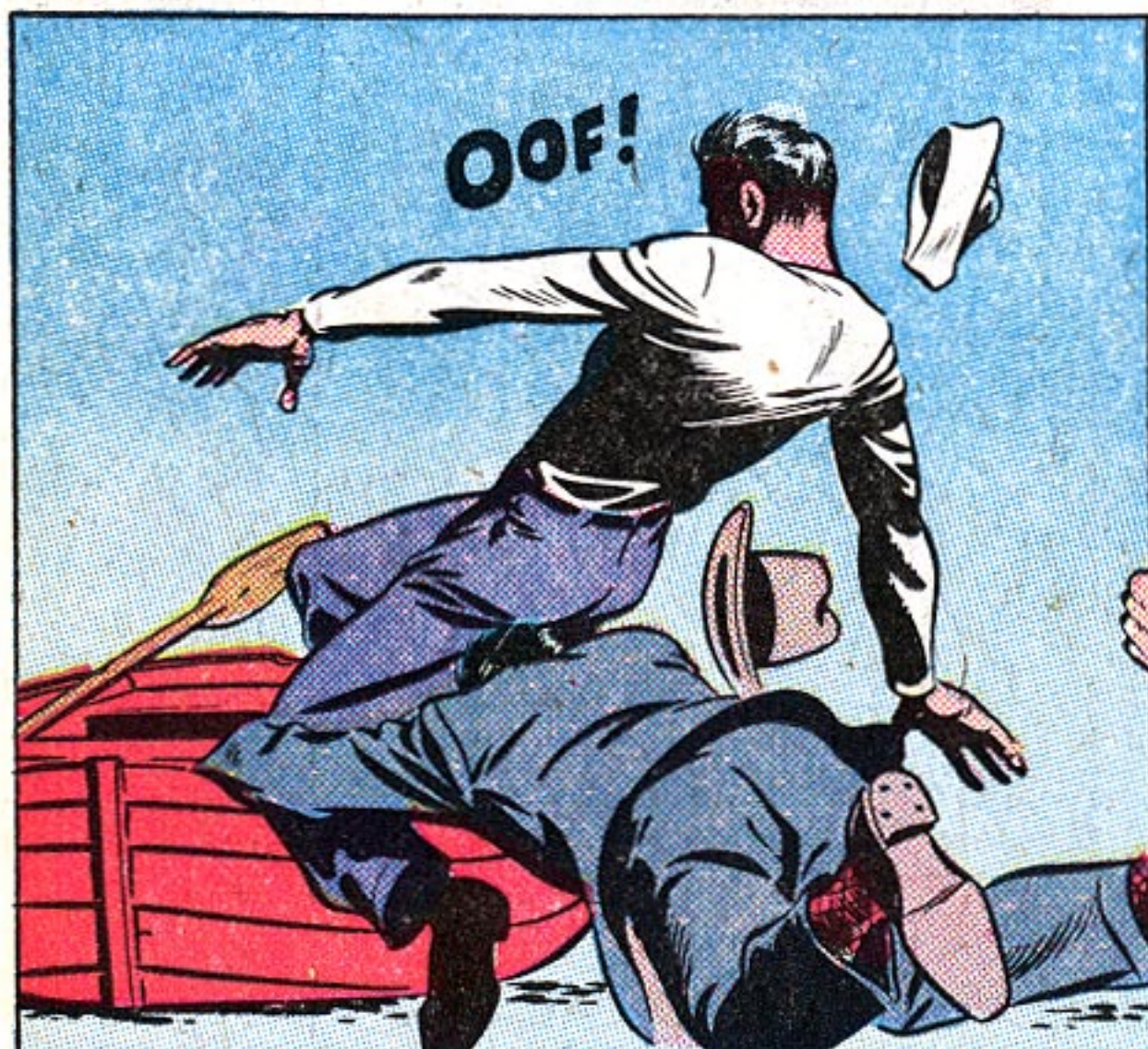
HE DIDN'T SEE ME  
HIDE HERE. I'LL FOLLOW  
HIM!

SPLASH!



SOON...

OH-OH! I'D BETTER STOP HIM  
BEFORE HE SHOVES OFF IN  
THAT ROWBOAT.

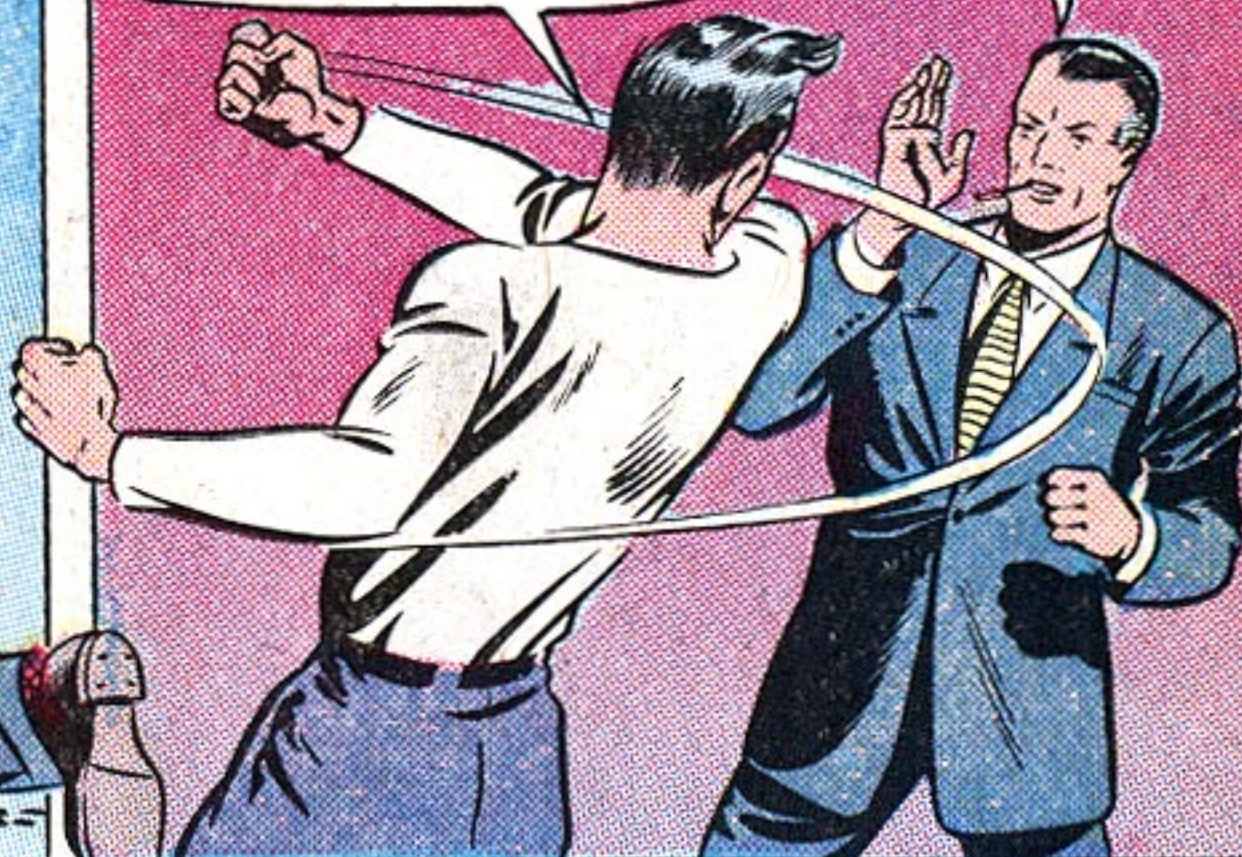


OOF!

BOTH MEN SCRAMBLE TO THEIR FEET AND...

I DON'T KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE, CHUM, BUT  
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!

NICE  
TRY!



NOW THIS IS THE  
WAY YOU DO IT!

WHAM!



SOON...

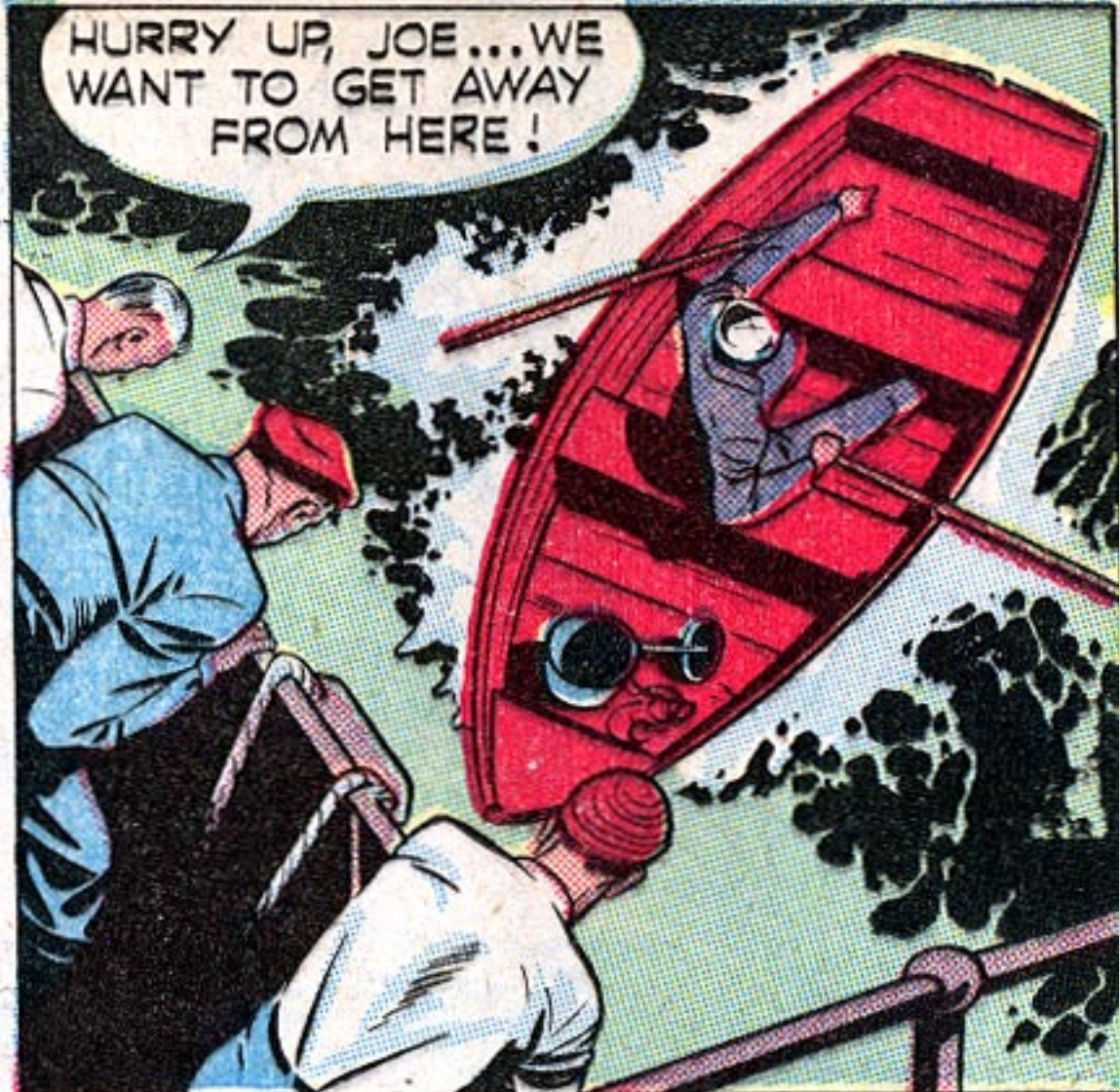
I'LL NEED YOUR  
CAP FOR A DISGUISE!  
DON'T GET LONESOME.  
I'LL SEND THE POLICE  
AROUND LATER.



WHIP ROWS OUT TO THE STEAMER, WHICH HAS STOPPED TO PICK UP JOE.



HURRY UP, JOE...WE WANT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE!



HE'S NOT JOE!

HE'S A COPPER!

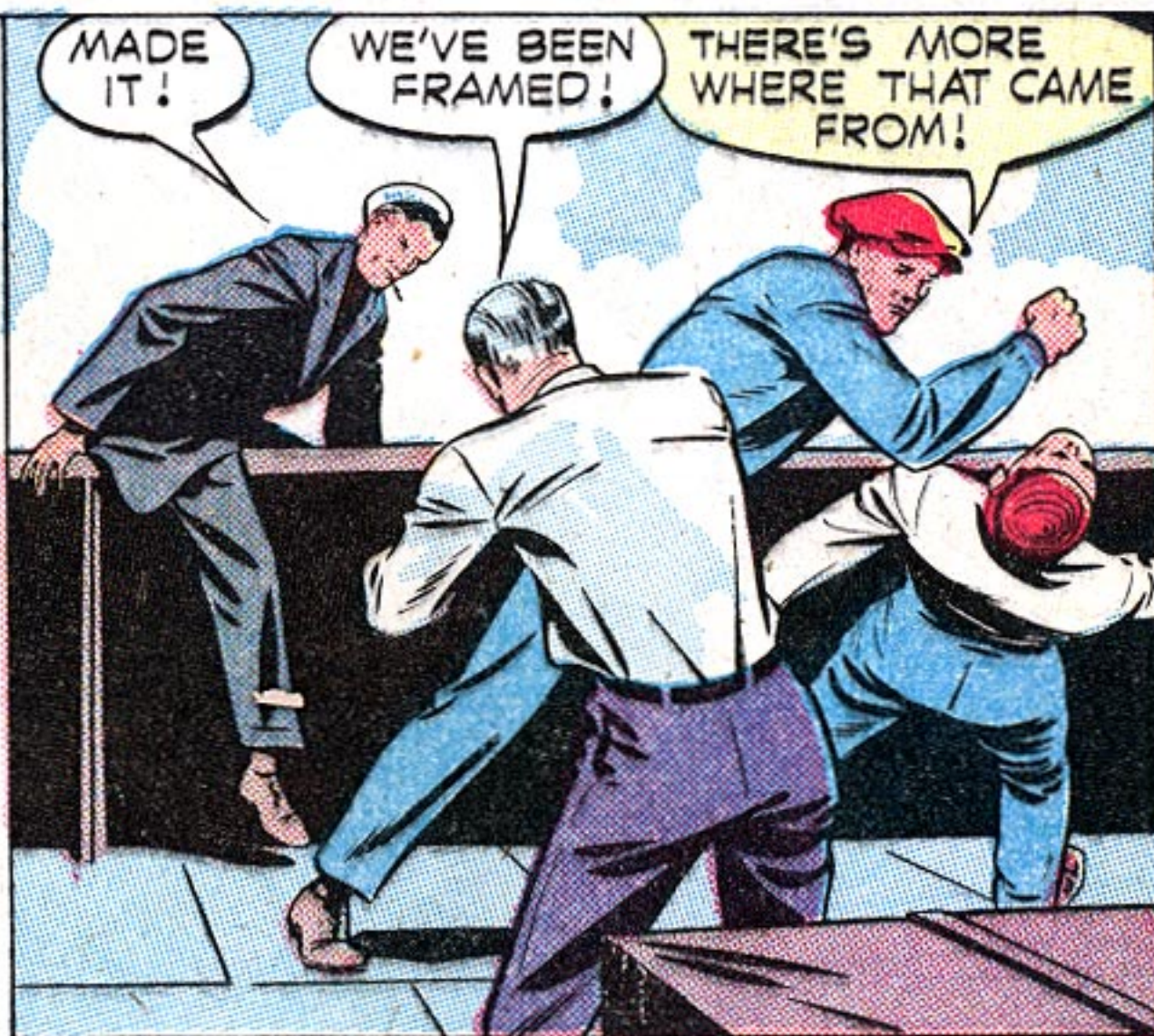
YOU'RE IN THE WAY, BOYS!



MADE IT!

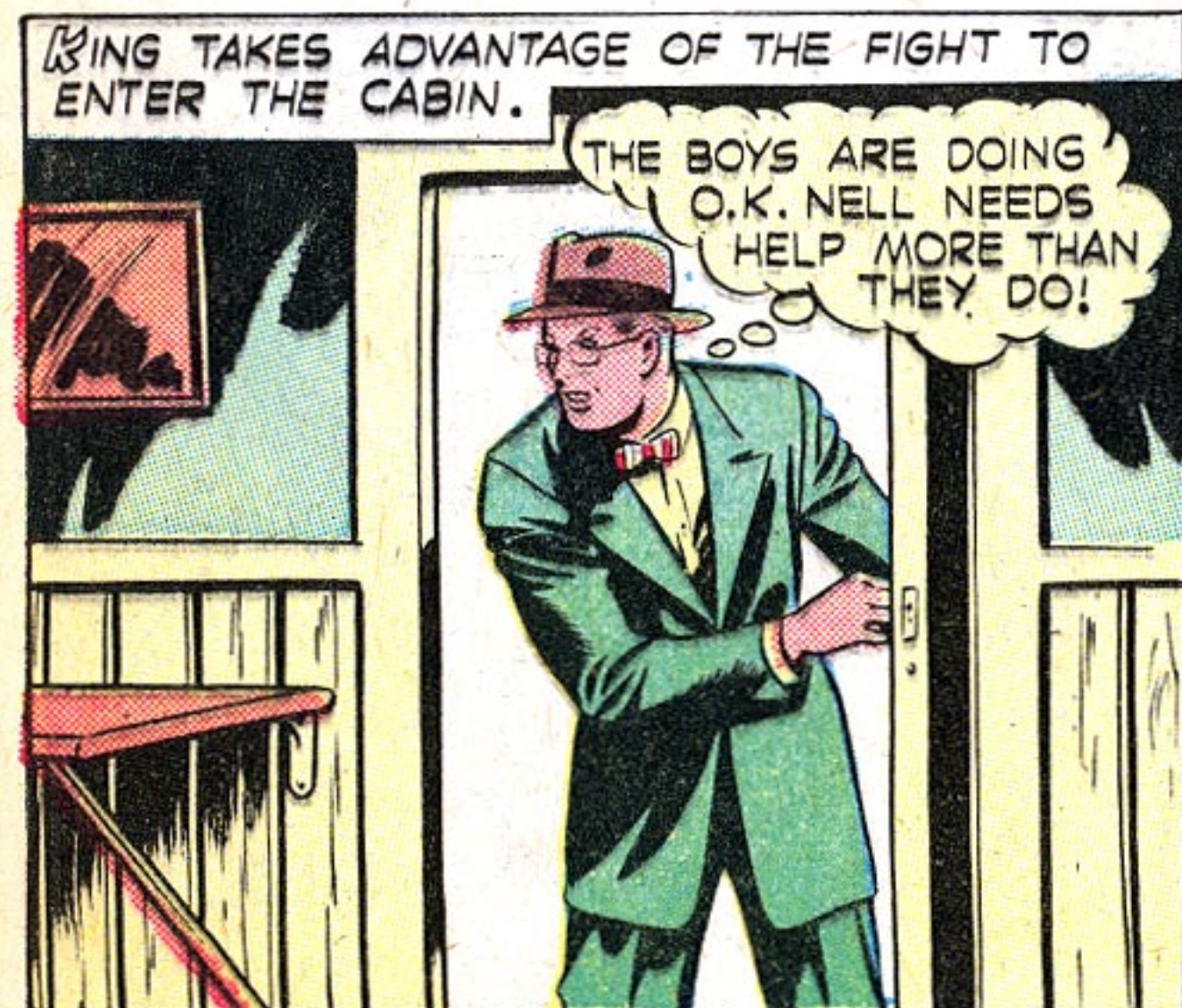
WE'VE BEEN FRAMED!

THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!



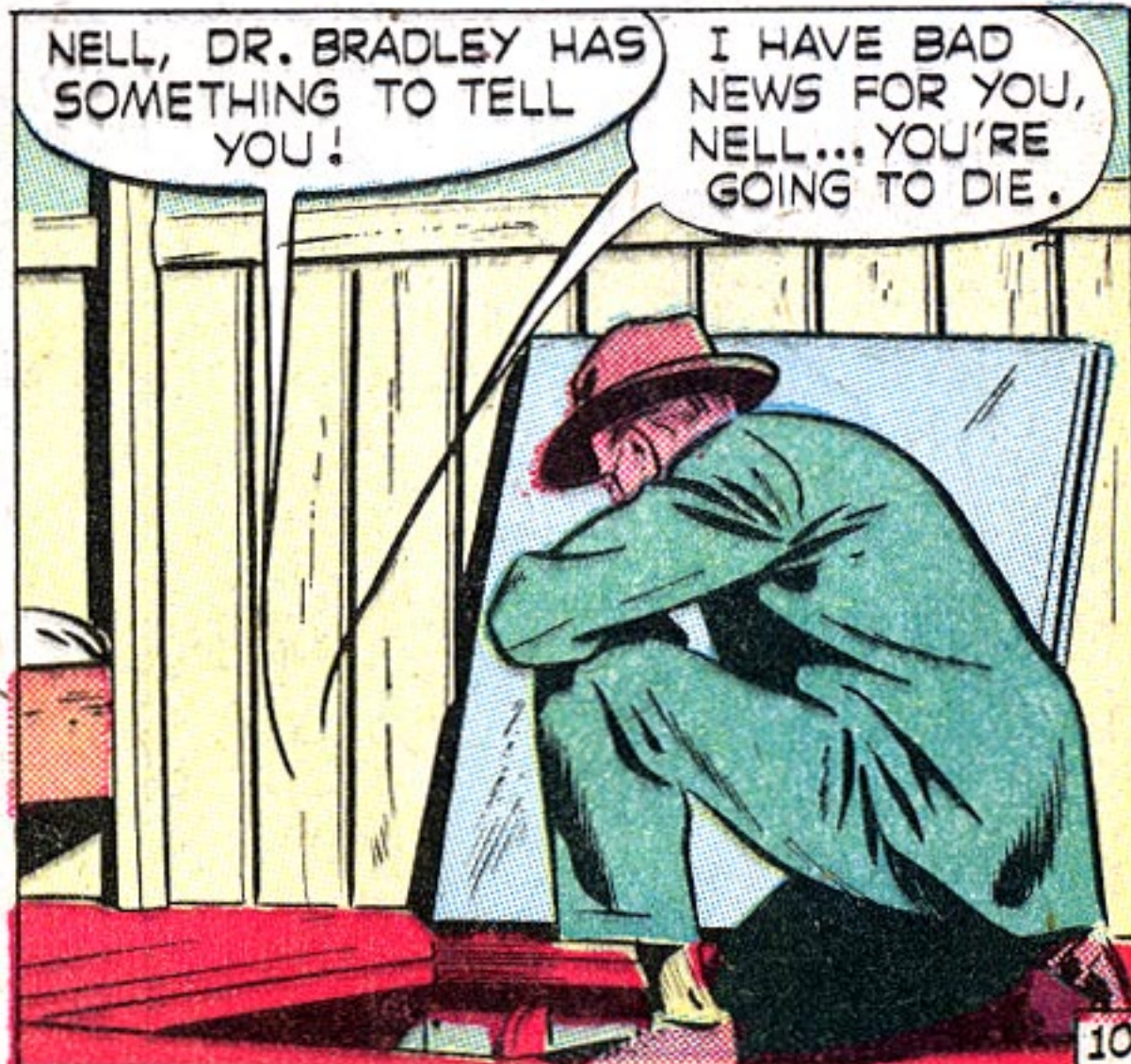
KING TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE FIGHT TO ENTER THE CABIN.

THE BOYS ARE DOING O.K. NELL NEEDS HELP MORE THAN THEY DO!

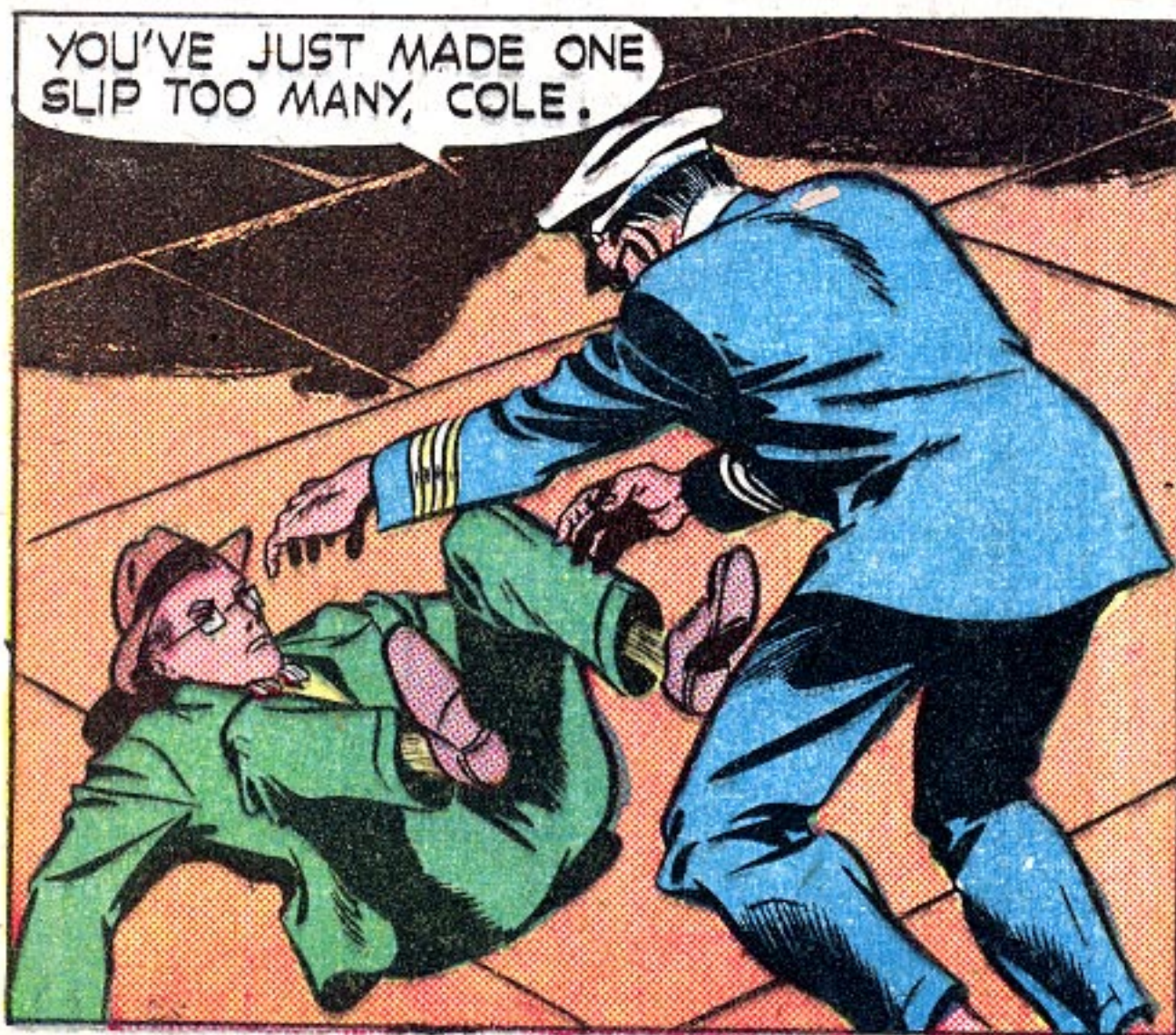
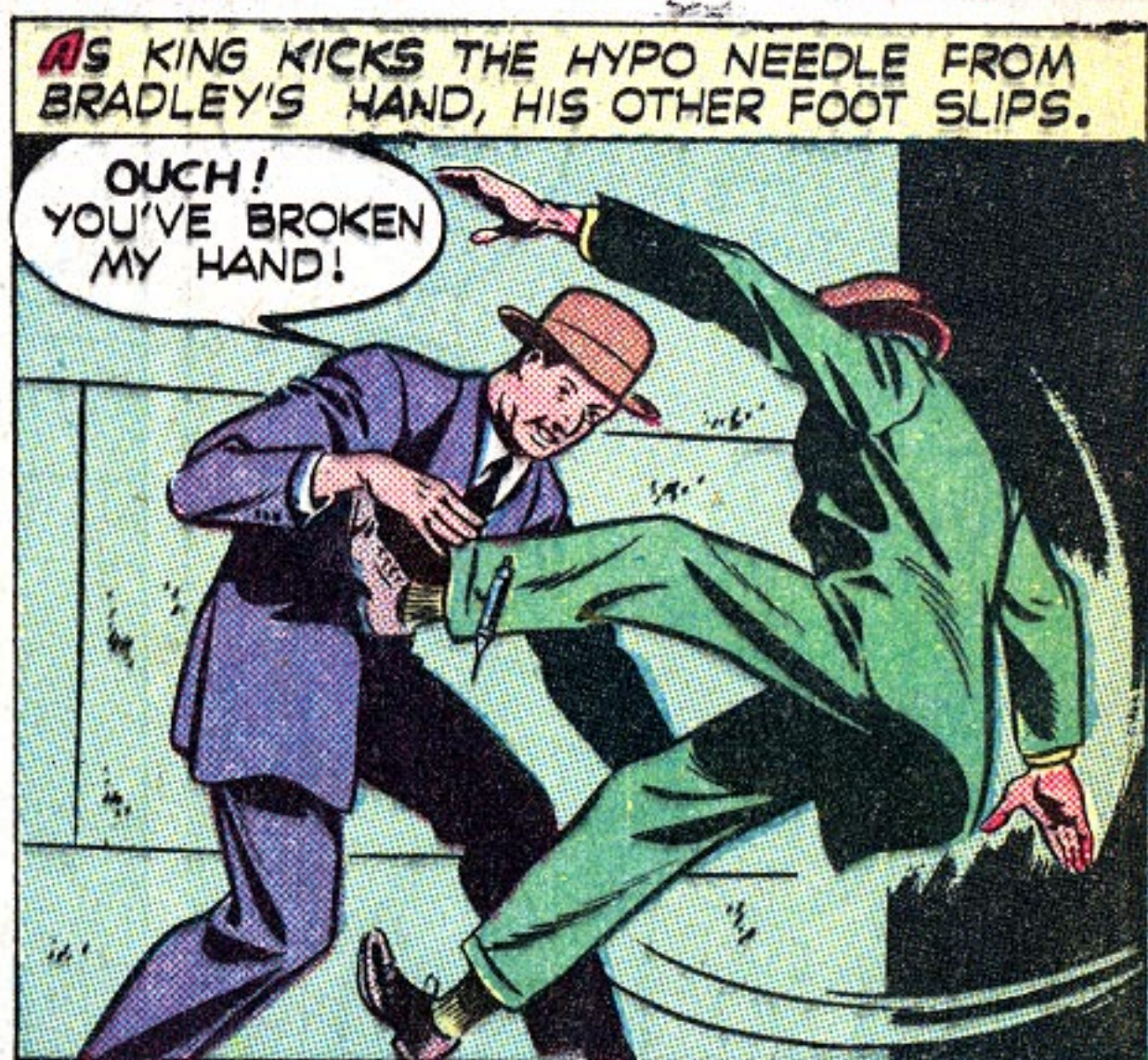


NELL, DR. BRADLEY HAS SOMETHING TO TELL YOU!

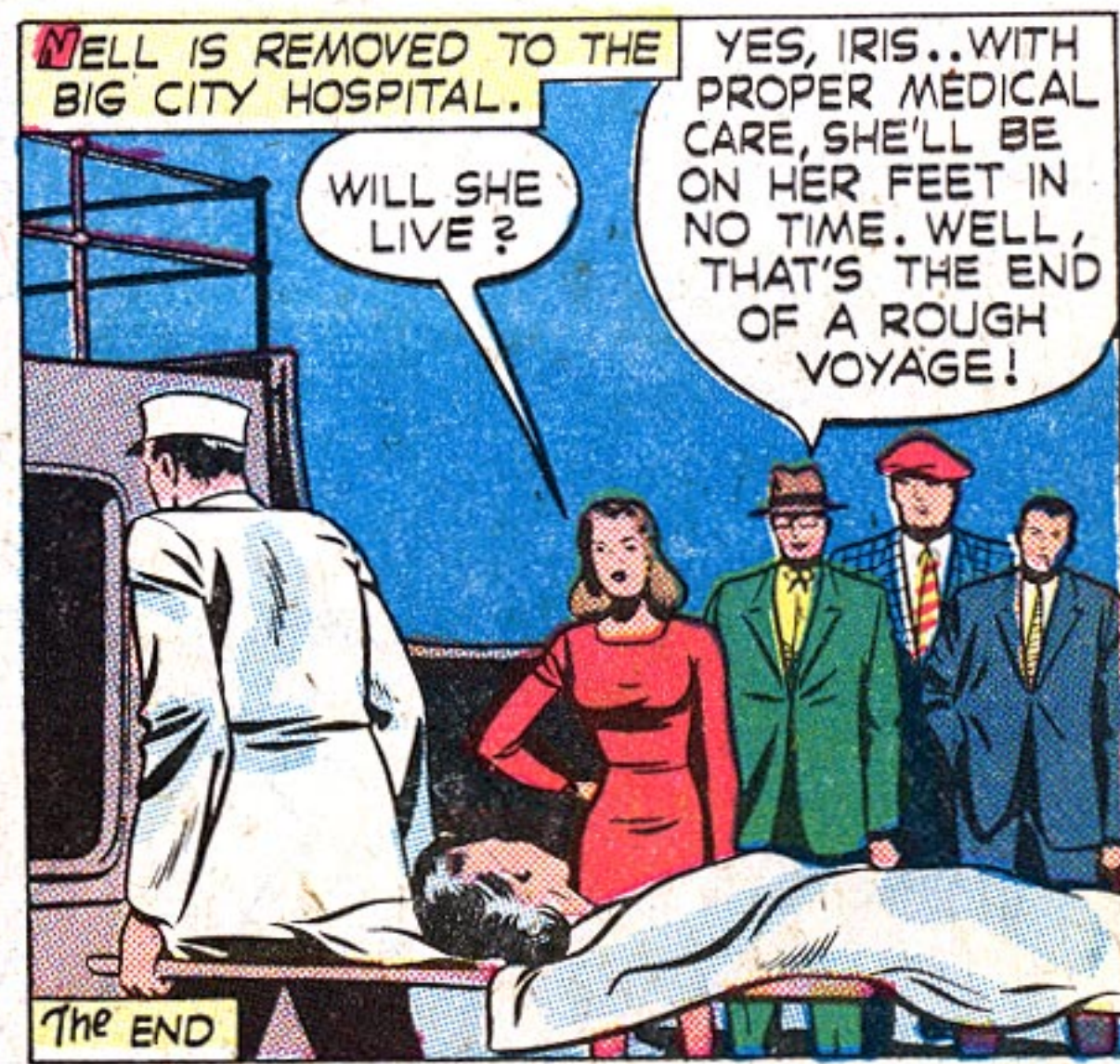
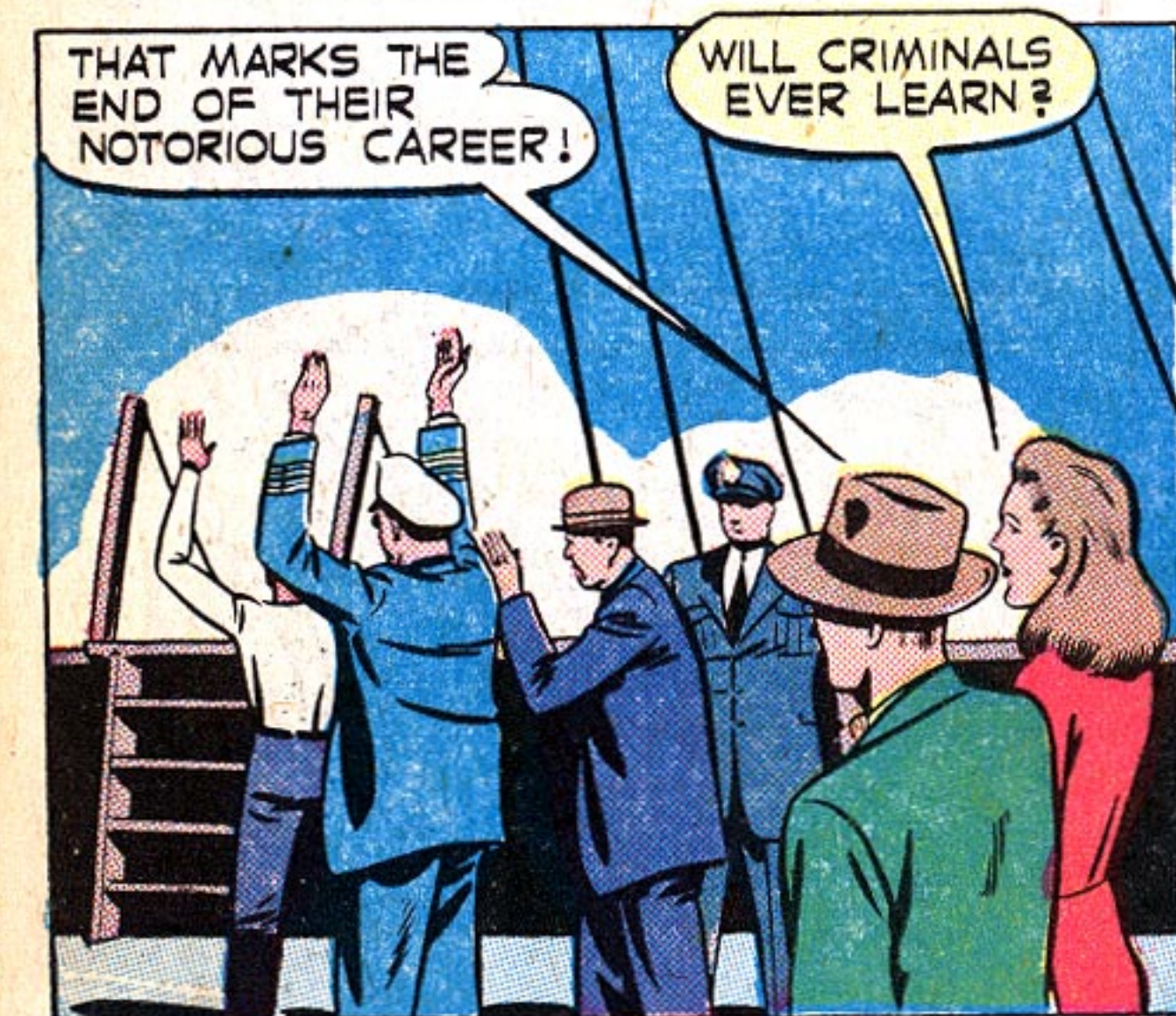
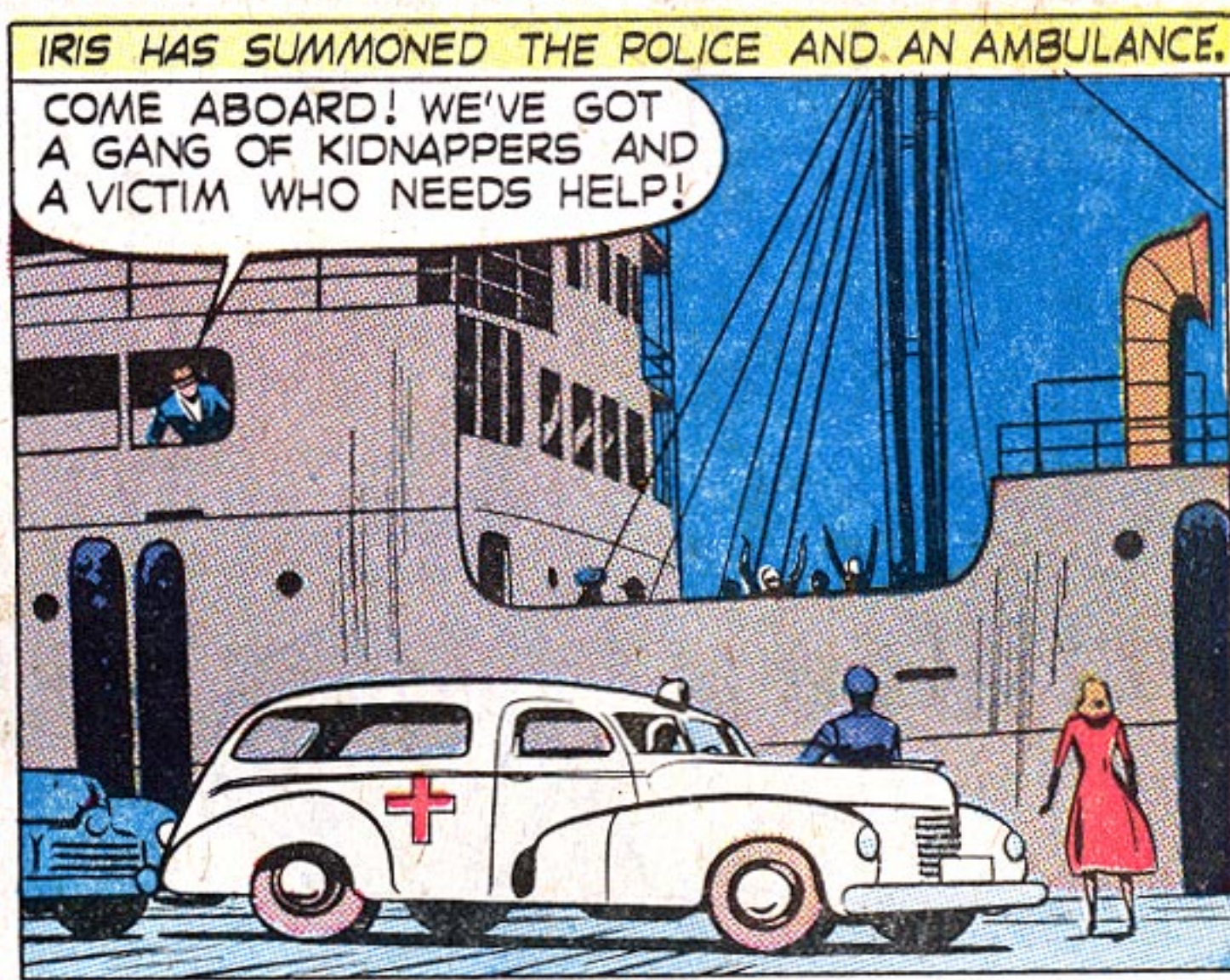
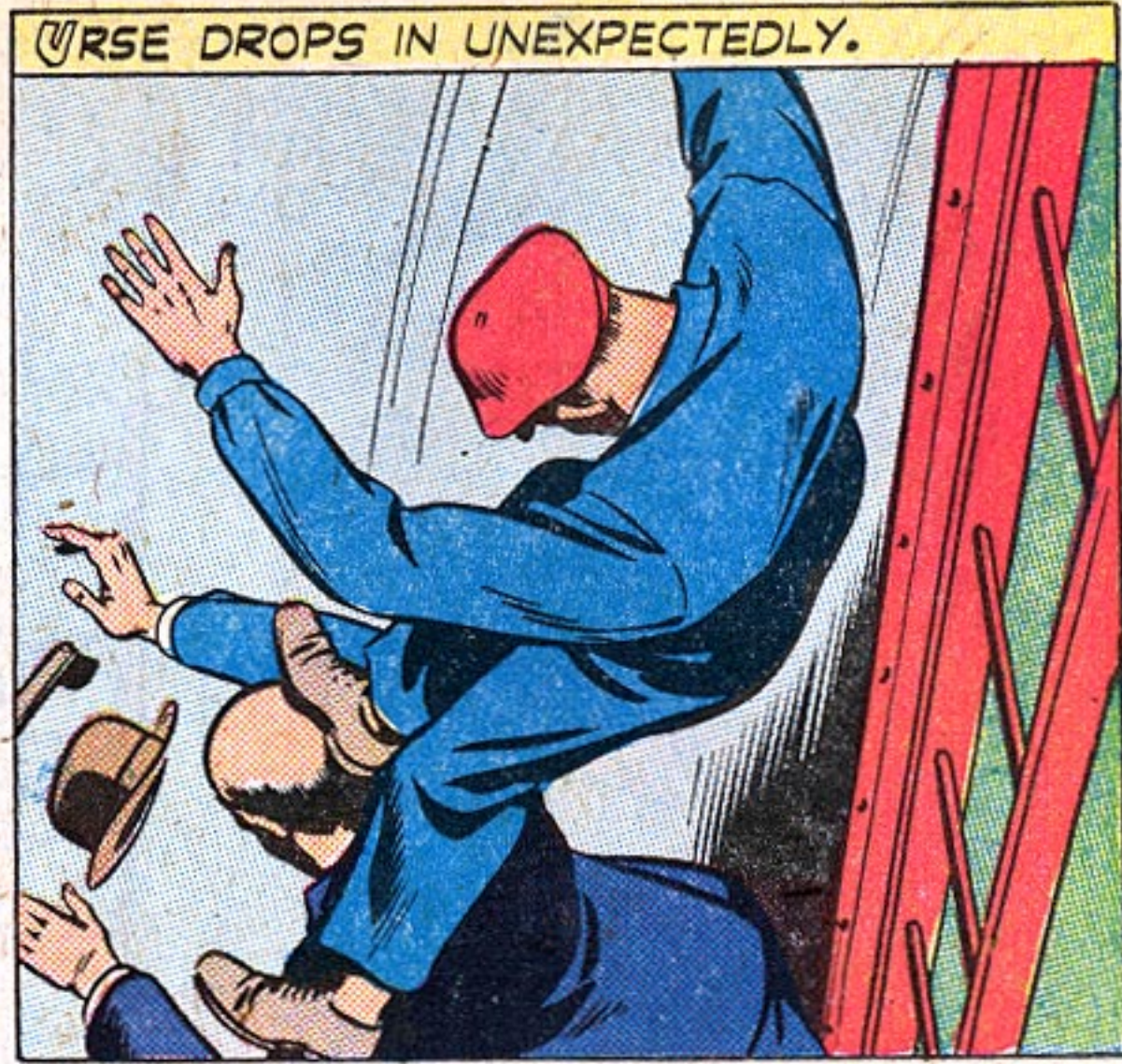
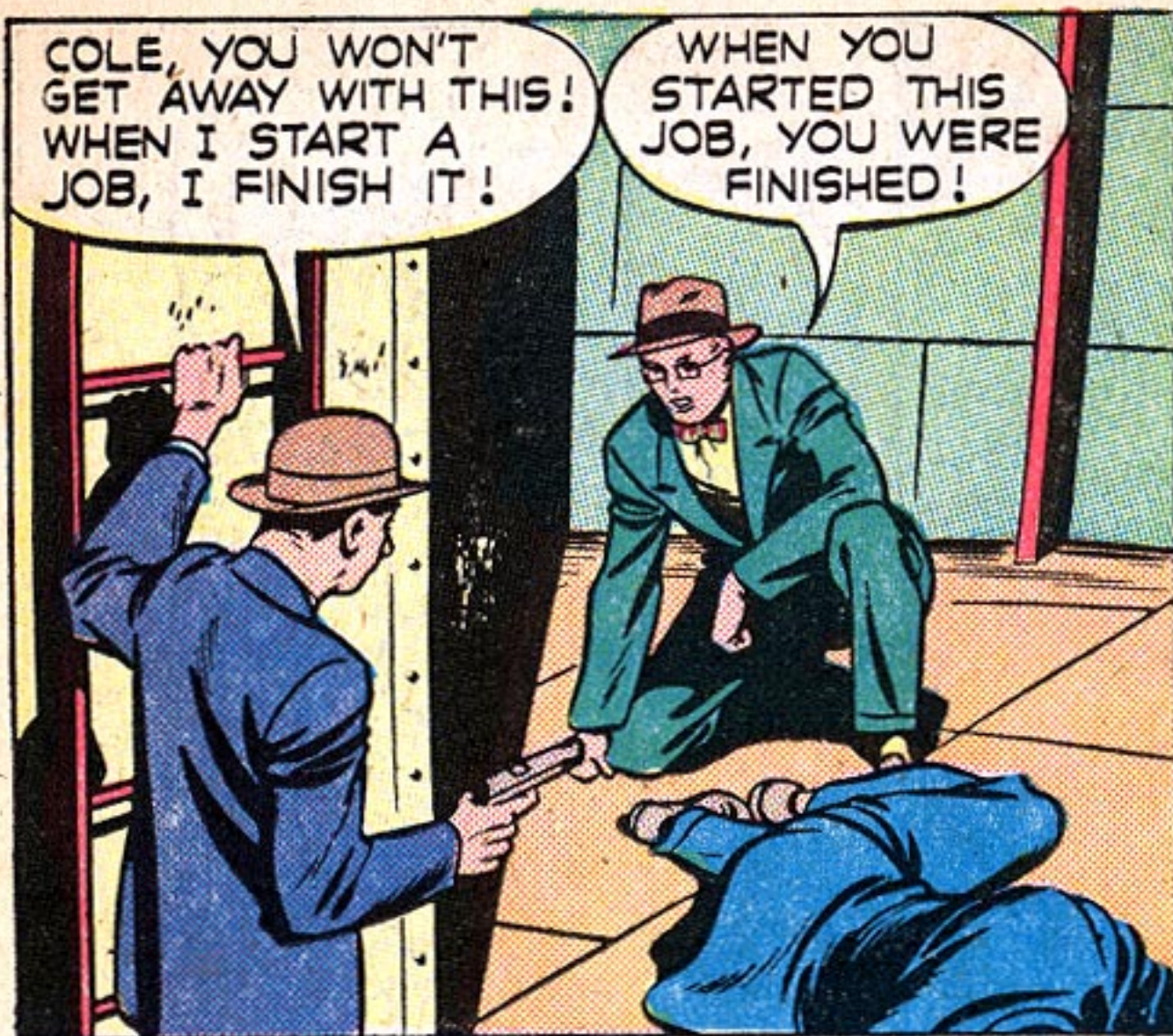
I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU, NELL... YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.













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IT wasn't too easy after seven years away from the Big Town to get a gun in a hurry. But twenty minutes after Waxie Doane got off the train from upstate he had one, . . . one with a silencer. He had a gun, and he knew precisely what he was going to do with it. He also had a green top coat and a small black bag.

As he waited for the subway that would take him uptown he pulled the newspaper from the pocket of the shabby green topcoat he'd bought in a second-hand store. He put the empty black bag down near his feet.

The paper was open at the theatrical page, and again he studied the photograph of "The LaPlantes" — especially Geoffrey LaPlante. He read the story again too and scowled. Geoffrey had come a long way since the days when the two of them — and Jessica — had starved in two-dollar rooms hoping for a part in a play. He laughed bitterly. He'd gotten sick of starving. He'd found ways to make money—real money; and he'd been doing all right with Jessica too until the night he'd been

caught flat-footed on that warehouse job. And you couldn't tell him Geoffrey didn't have something to do with that. He'd been a sucker to trust Geoffrey. So he'd spent seven years in stir.

That had made it fine for Geoffrey. With him out of the way — Waxie looked at the picture again and grimaced. It was Jessica LaPlante now; Jessica who had special gowns designed for her, special lipsticks, special coiffures—it was all in the paper. In that story right above the theatre notice that said: "The LaPlantes in 'A Woman's Choice,' Center Theatre at Eight O'clock." Waxie Doane remembered the days he'd hung around the Center looking for work. Yes, he sneered to himself, Geoffrey had come a long way since those days. He fingered the gun in his pocket. A long way, but this was the last stop—this was the end of the line.

The subway roared into the station and Waxie squirmed into the last car. He got out three stops later, walked up to the street and into the blaze of light and crowds that was the

theatre district. That was what he was counting on, noise and crowds and confusion — the confusion that is backstage before the curtain goes up.

For a second he stood still, looking at the lights that spelled out the name of Geoffrey LaPlante. He grinned crookedly. They'd have to change that sign tomorrow.

He crossed the street and walked down the small alley that led to the stage door of the Center. This would be the only hard part. To get in that door.

He pulled his hat-brim low and turned up his collar. He swung the little black bag and hurried toward the door. It was open, and Waxie could see a bored-looking cop lounging inside. He walked through the door, nodded briskly to the cop. "Emergency," he barked. The cop took in the black bag and let him pass. "Okay, doc," he said, "anything I can do, let me know."

Waxie brushed by actors dashing about in last-minute preparations, past dressing rooms of the small fry, until he came to the door he was looking for. The door with a



gold star painted on it. He didn't knock. LaPlante was alone, seated at a big dressing table putting on make-up. On a chair near him was a woman's fur coat and handbag. The air was full of a strange heavy perfume. Waxie's gun was out and he said: "Sorry you can't kiss Jessica good-bye, Geoffrey."

Geoffrey LaPlante turned, his jaw slack. "Waxie!" he whispered. "What —?" Then he saw the gun. With desperate speed he grabbed a bottle from the dressing table and flung it. He missed. The bottle shattered against the wall close to Waxie's head and pieces of it stung his cheek.

Waxie shot twice and Geoffrey LaPlante sprawled heavily to the floor. He had two small black holes in his chest.

Waxie stood quietly for a minute listening. There wasn't a sound from outside that wasn't normal. He hadn't been heard. He slipped the gun in his pocket, picked up the black bag, and closed the door softly behind him. Then he walked swiftly out to the street again.

The cop's eyes were curious but Waxie nodded to him. "Some silly dame," he said, "thought she had a heart attack—too much lousy food."

It didn't take Waxie long to ditch the gun, the black bag and the overcoat in a garbage can. Then he went to a hamburger joint for some coffee. The clock on the wall said five minutes to eight, and Waxie

chuckled to himself. They'd probably found LaPlante by now and half the cops in town must be out looking for a fake doctor in a green topcoat. He shrugged. Let them look, for all the good it would do them.

For two hours he sat in the diner unmindful of the smell of frying onions and stale tobacco. Waxie was thinking. He was thinking that after things cooled off a bit, maybe after six months or so, he'd look up Jessica. It wouldn't be hard to get back in the racket again—make some dough. Jessica had always liked him—maybe. He smiled at the thought. He could wait. He'd waited seven years for tonight. He could wait for Jessica too.

The subway out of town that night was crowded but Waxie managed to find a seat. It was next to a cop and he grinned to himself. The cop had his face buried in a newspaper and was reading about the murder of Geoffrey LaPlante. Waxie stole a glimpse at the headlines. Something about the "Mysterious Doctor In Green—" He chuckled. Maybe they'd found his overcoat. He yawned in the stuffy heat of the car. The paper bored him. He had other things to think about. He pulled his hat over his eyes and dozed.

Somebody was shaking him and he opened his eyes. It was the cop. "End of the line, bud," he was saying.

"Huh?" muttered Waxie. Then he noticed that there were only two people in the car, he and the cop. Before Waxie could move the cop expertly snapped a pair of handcuffs on his wrists.

"What's the idea?" Waxie yelled, "I ain't done nothin'!" But a feeling of trapped terror went through him at what the cop was saying:

"So some dame ate too much lousy food, eh? Emergency, was it? You're under arrest for the murder of Geoffrey LaPlante—doctor. When you got on I thought you looked familiar. Then when the car got heated up you smelled familiar. I've been detailed to guard that stage door for too long not to recognize that smell — the special perfume Jessica LaPlante uses. It's made just for her. It's the kind Geoffrey LaPlante threw at you before you killed him. I don't know who you are, but we'll find out soon enough down at headquarters."

The cop jerked off Waxie's hat. "That's a stir haircut if I ever saw one. Next time they'll take a lot off the top—and you won't be sittin' in a barber's chair." The cop's fingers bit into Waxie's arm. "Come on, you," he growled. "Like I said, it's the end of the line."

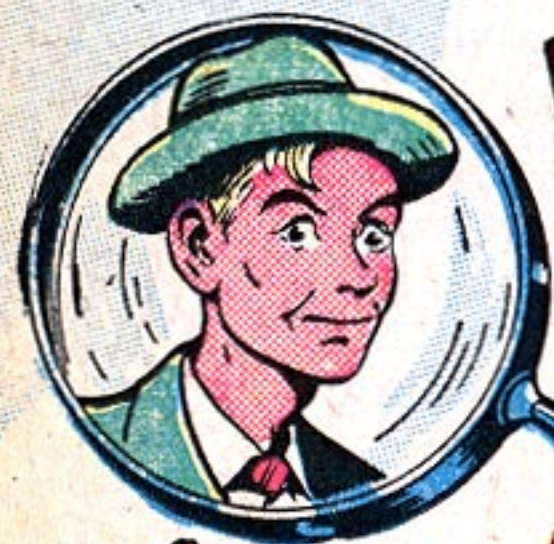
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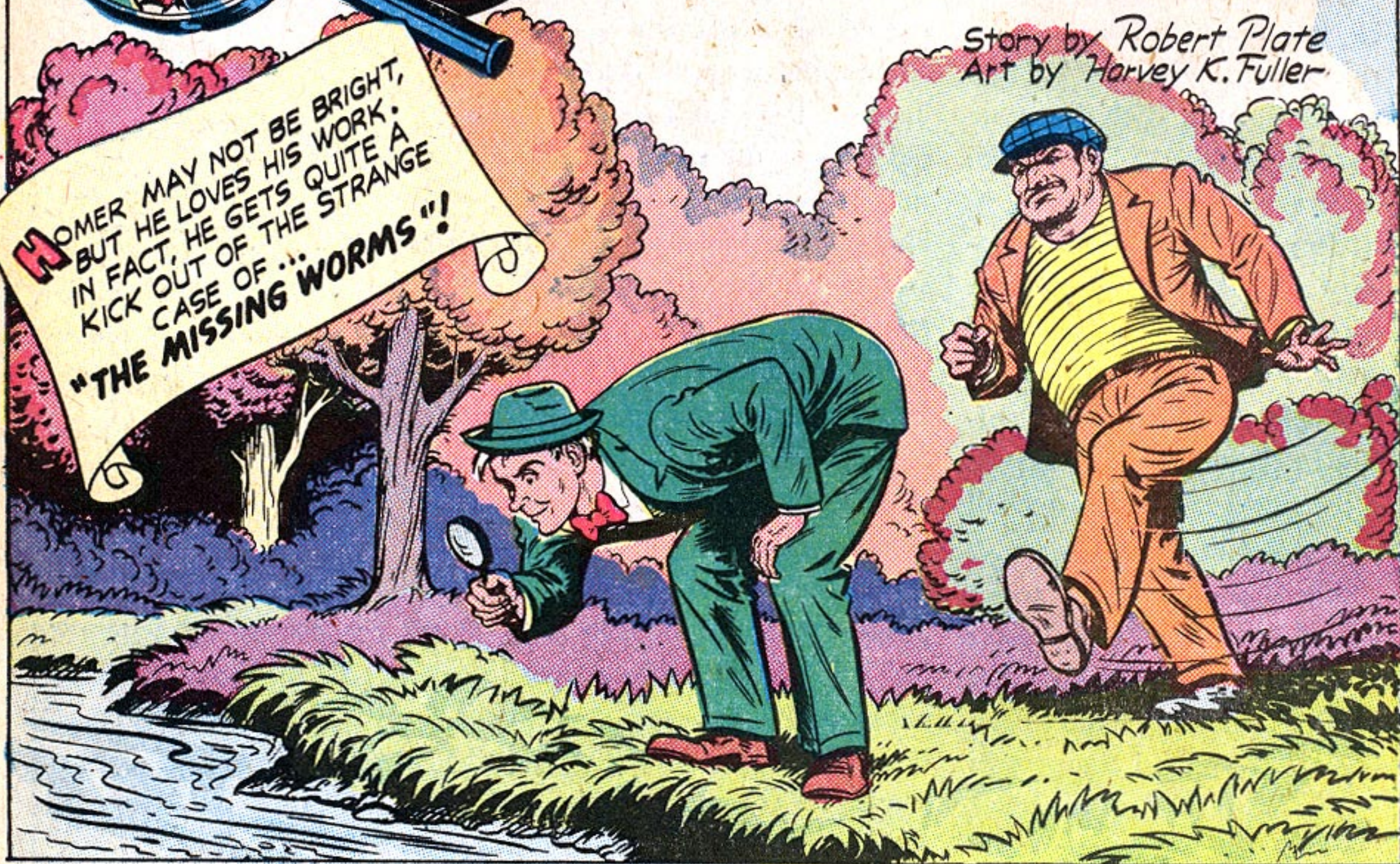
# Homer K. BEAGLE

*The*  
**DEMON DETECTIVE**

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Art by Harvey K. Fuller

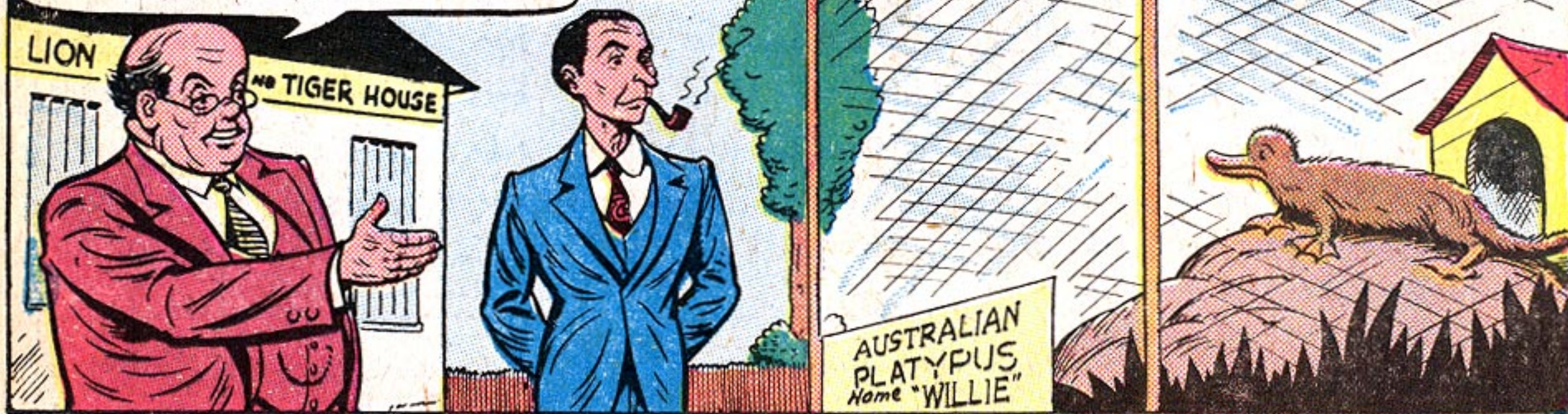


**H**OMER MAY NOT BE BRIGHT,  
BUT HE LOVES HIS WORK.  
IN FACT, HE GETS QUITE A  
KICK OUT OF THE STRANGE  
"THE MISSING WORMS"!

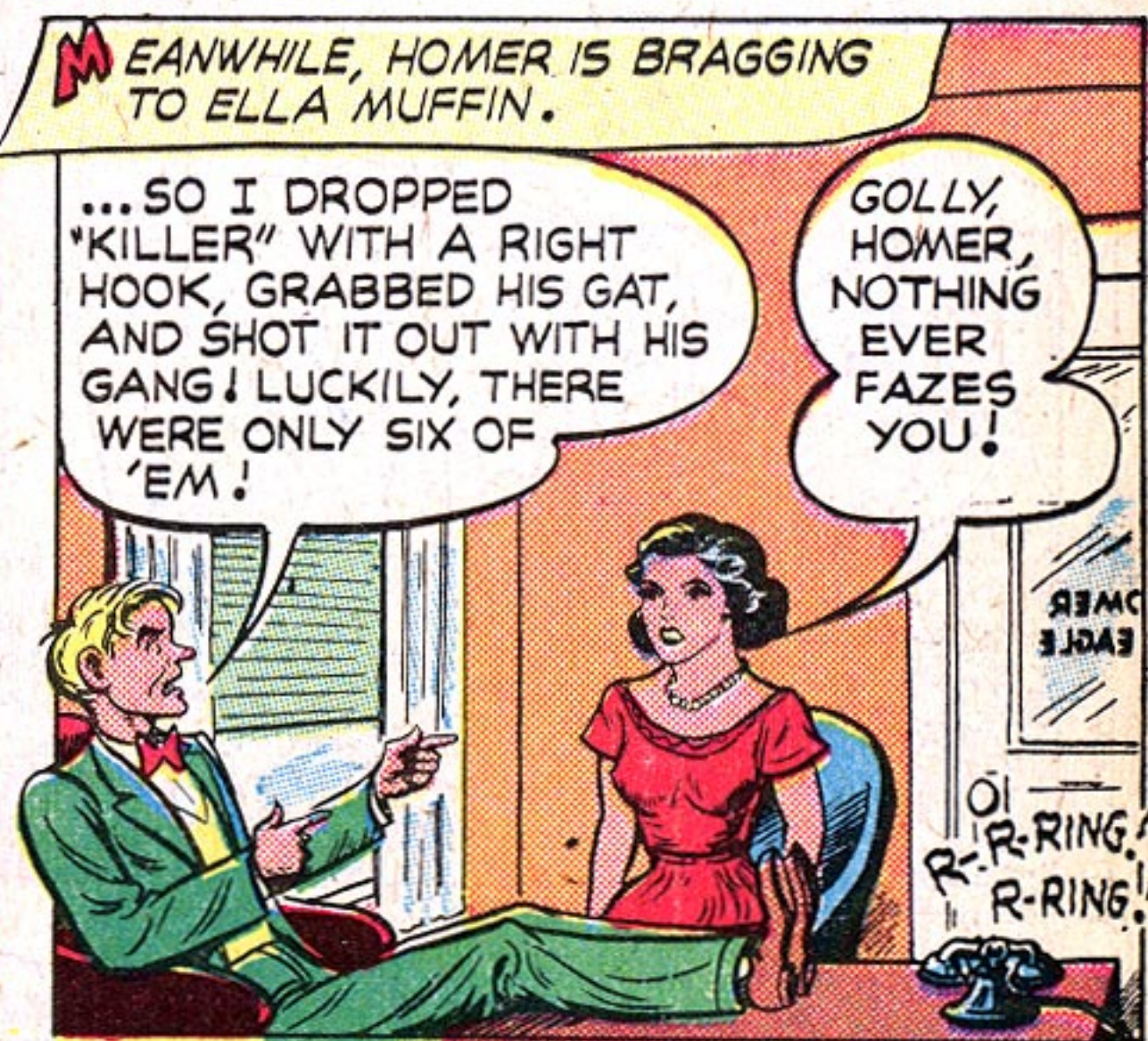
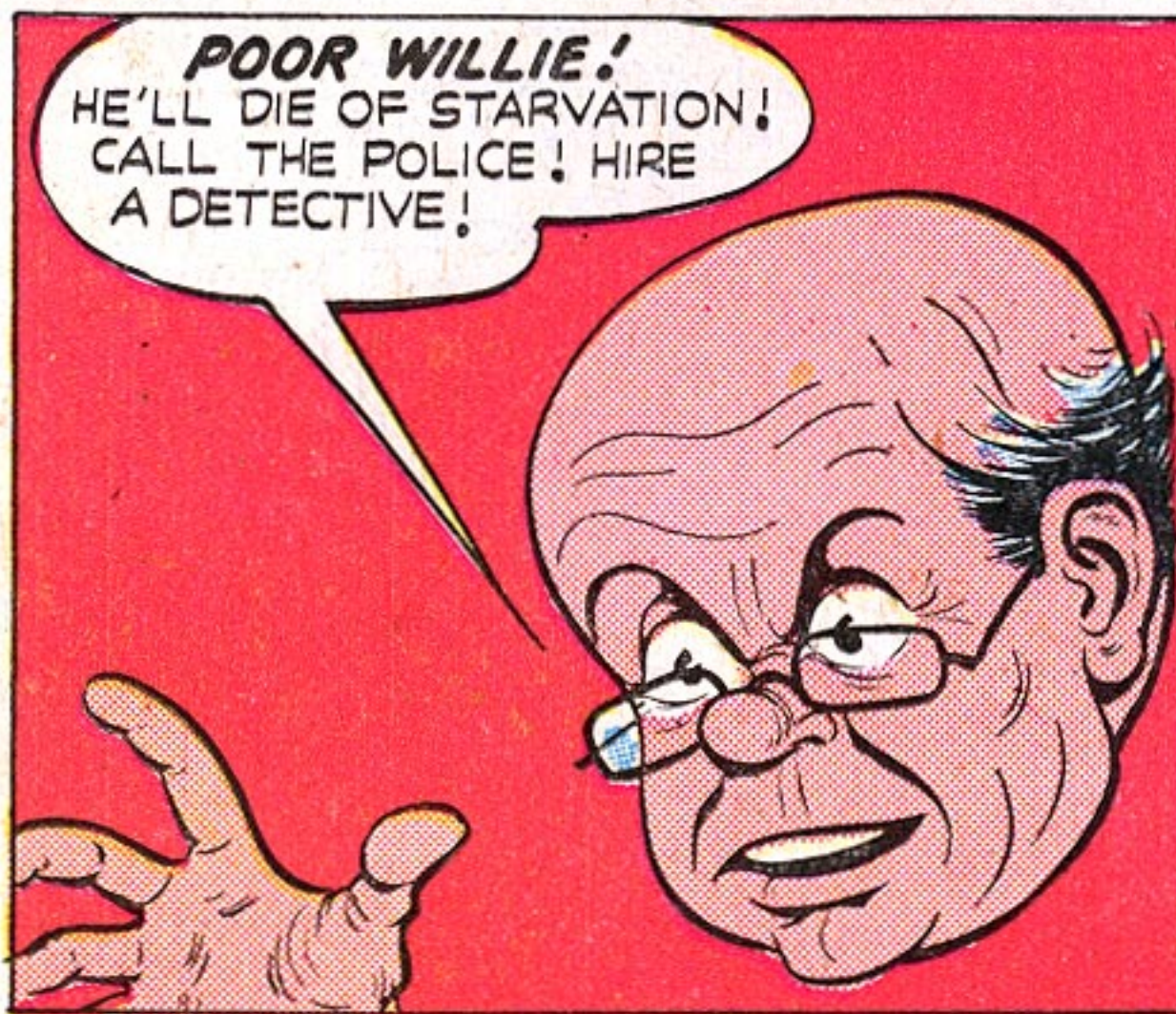


**A**T THE ZOO, THE DIRECTOR SHOWS A GUEST AROUND.

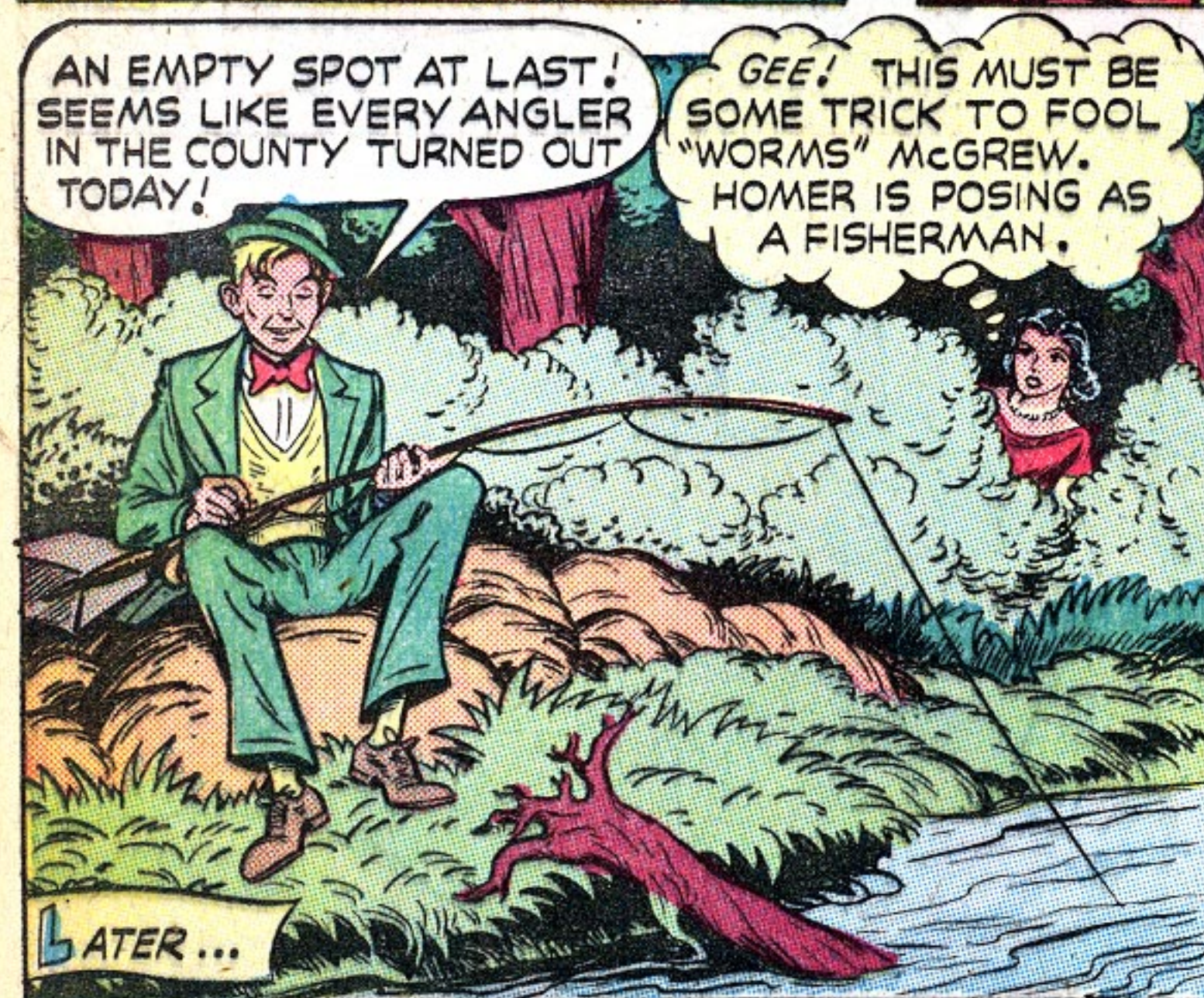
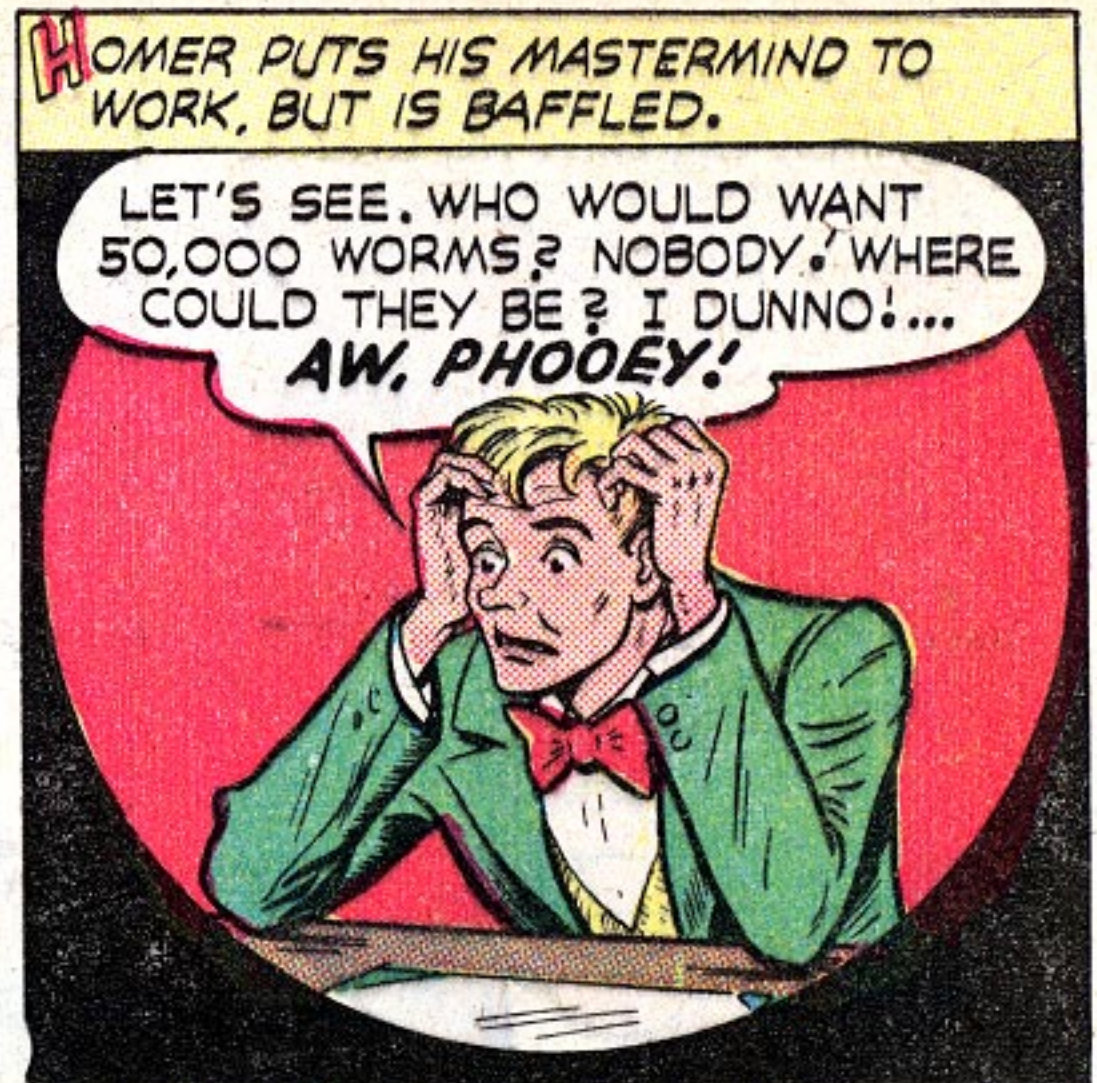
WILLIE IS THE PRIZE OF OUR ZOO. VERY  
RARE... AND VERY GLUTTONOUS! GOBBLES UP  
A THOUSAND WORMS A DAY!



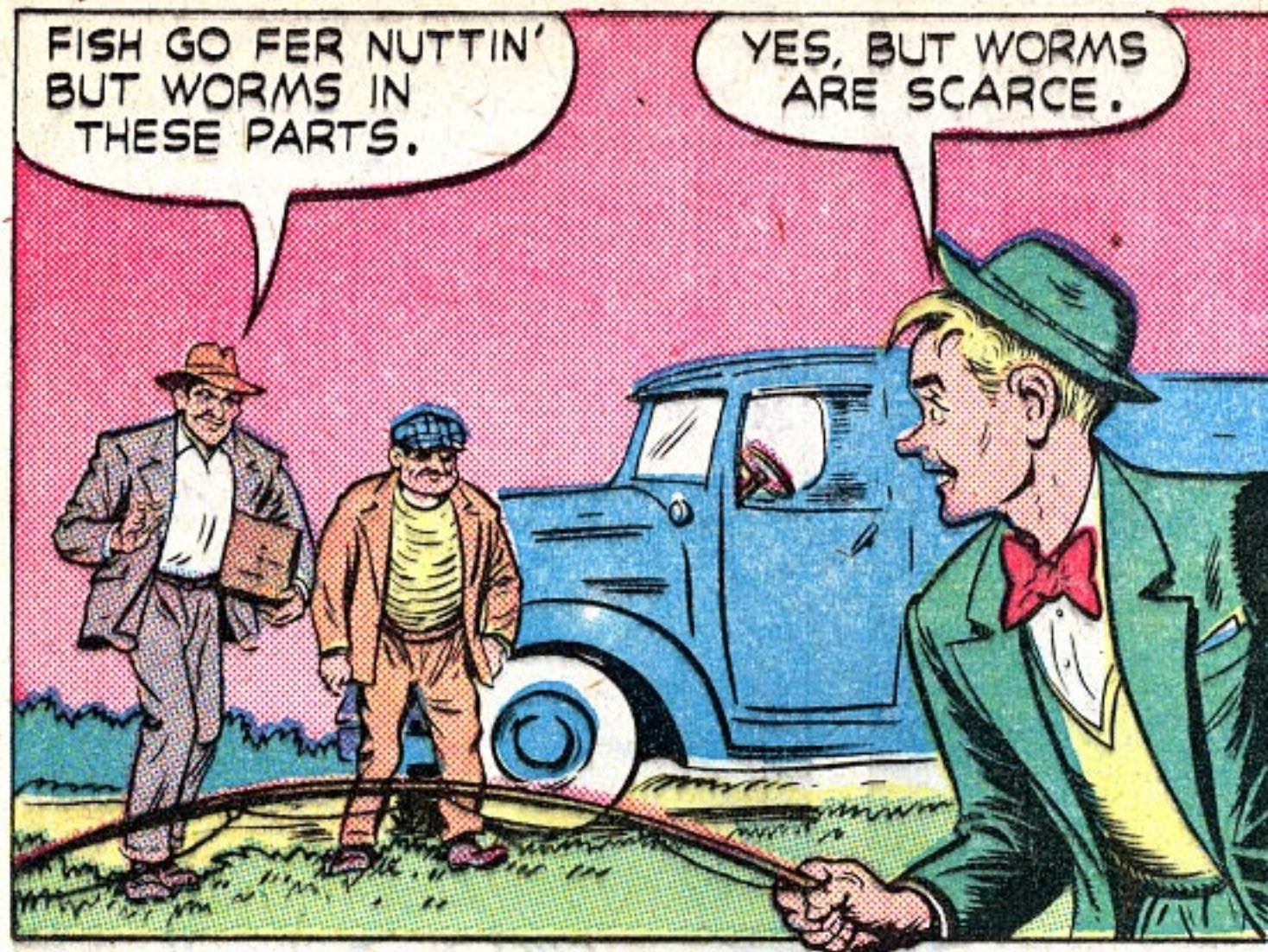












FISH GO FER NUTTIN' BUT WORMS IN THESE PARTS.

YES, BUT WORMS ARE SCARCE.



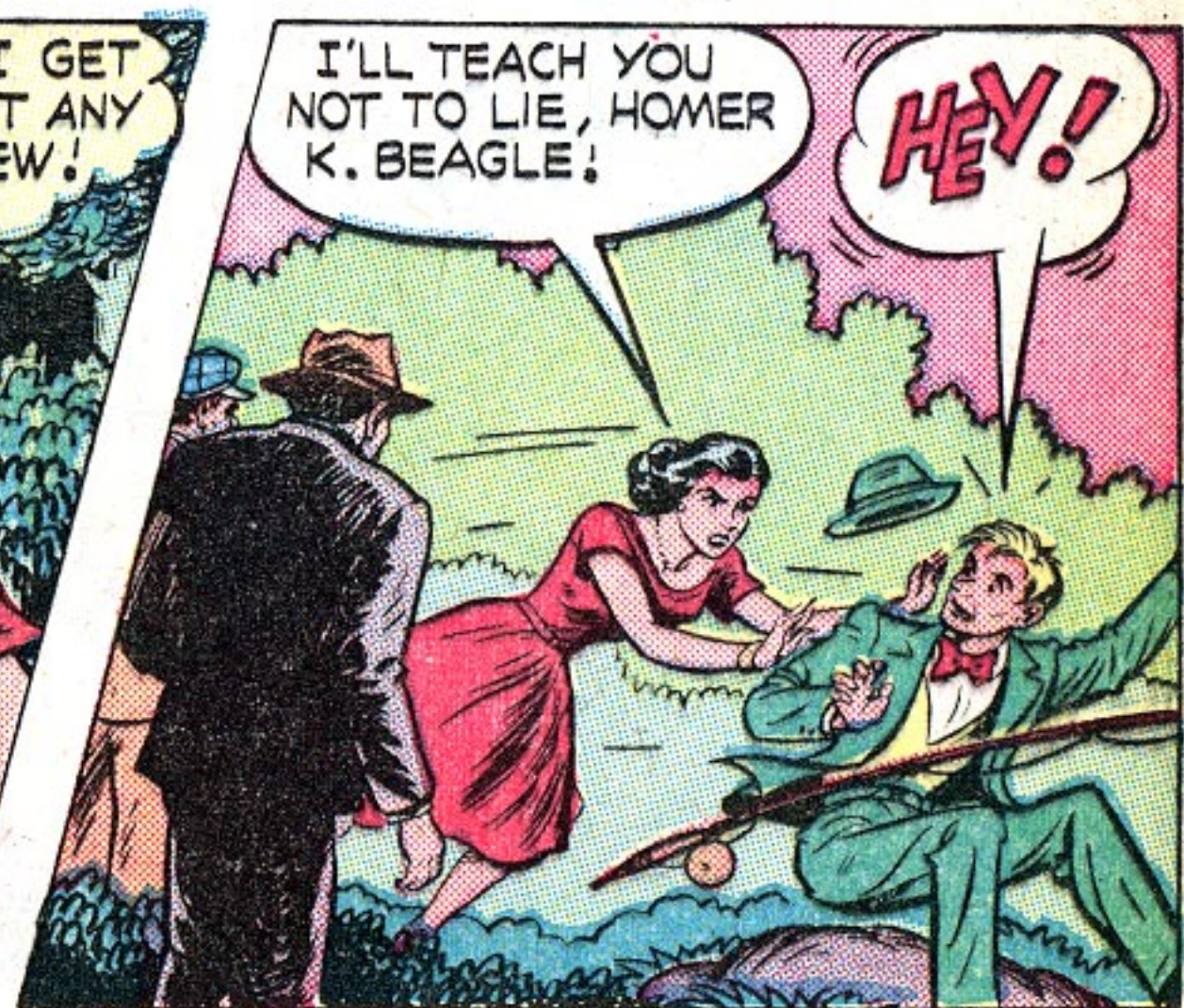
WE GOT A WHOLE TRUCK FULL! YA CAN HAVE A DOZEN FER FIVE SMACKERS!

WHY NOT SELL SOME TO THE ZOO? I HEAR ALL THEIR WORMS WERE STOLEN!



SO WHAT? DO YOU WANT 'EM OR DONCHA? THEY'RE GOIN' LIKE HOT CAKES!

STOLEN WORMS! I GET IT NOW. THERE ISN'T ANY "WORMS" MCGREW!



I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO LIE, HOMER K. BEAGLE!

HEY!



WORM! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A DETECTIVE?

HUH? DETECTIVE!

KERSPLASH!



I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

ELLA, I REALLY AM ON A CASE! I GOTTA GET THE ZOO WORMS!

HEY, HE'S AFTER US! LET'S SLUG DA PUNK!



YOU AIN'T GOIN' NO PLACE, PAL!

**WHACK!**



**T**HE BOX BREAKS, CASCADING WORMS OVER HOMER AND INTO HIS POCKETS!



**D**AZED, HOMER THINKS HE IS FISHING.

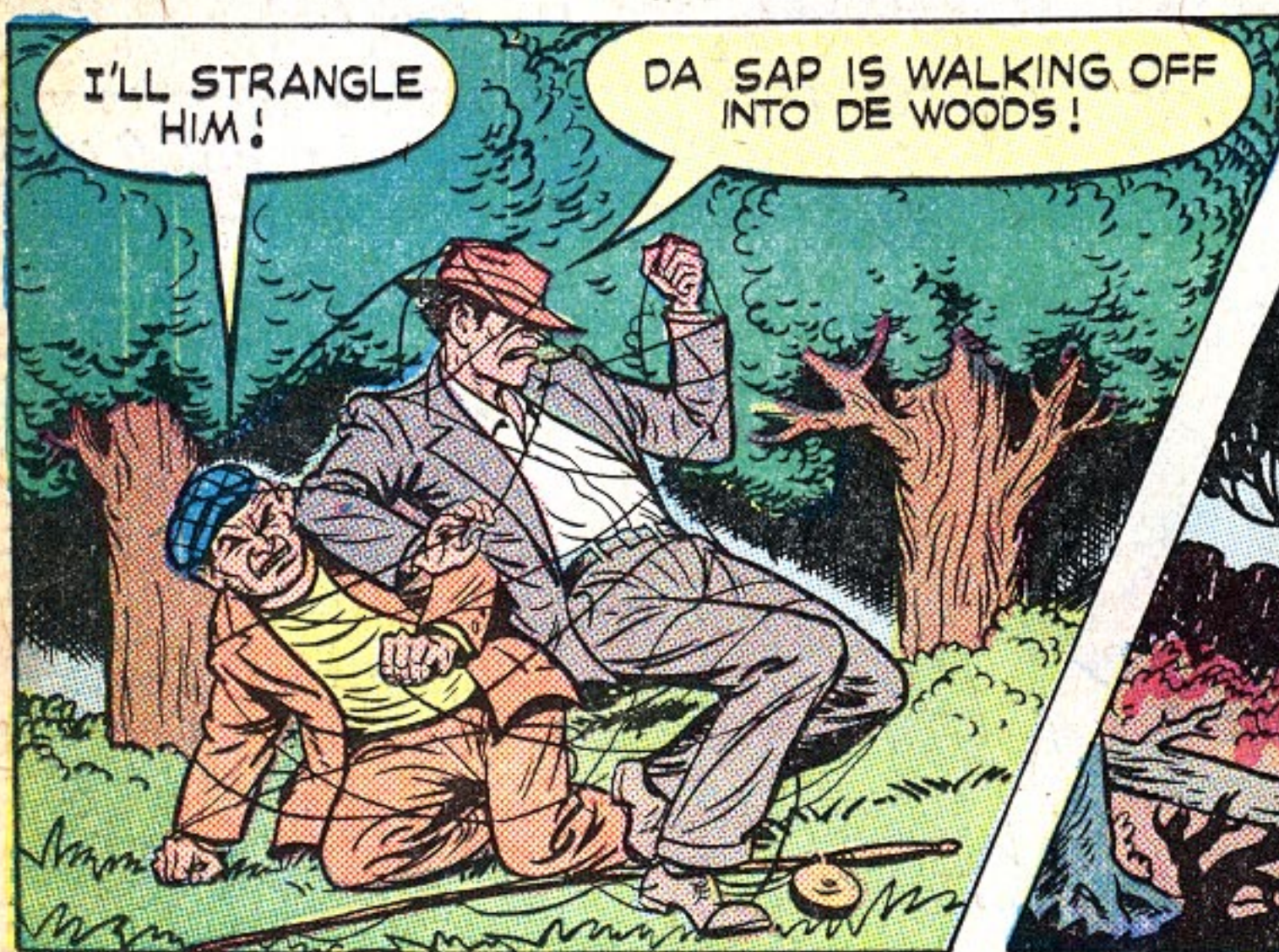
AH! THERE ARE TWO BIG FISH!

**LOOK OUT!** HE'S PUNCHY!



I'LL STRANGLE HIM!

DA SAP IS WALKING OFF INTO DE WOODS!



I'M TIRED OF FISHING. THINK I'LL TAKE A NAP.



NOTHING LIKE A PEACEFUL DAY IN THE OUTDOORS TO MAKE YOU FEEL DROWSY!



**M**EANWHILE, HARRY AND LARRY SET OUT IN PURSUIT.

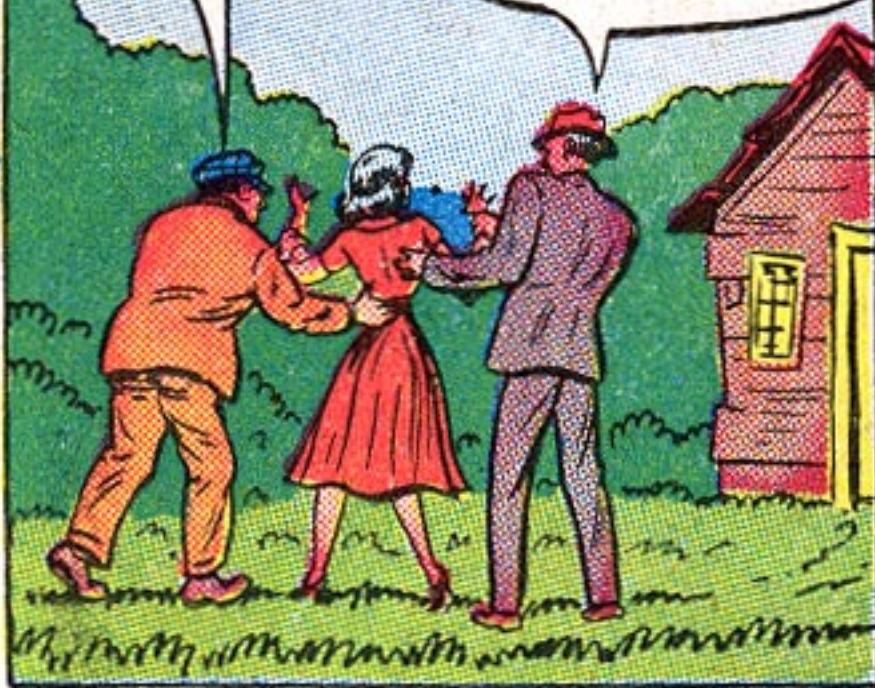
HEY, BABE, WHERE'S YOUR SLAP-HAPPY FRIEND?





WE GOT A NICE RACKET,  
SELLING THE STOLEN WORMS  
TO THE FISHERMEN. THEY  
PAY HIGH PRICES... AND WE  
CLEAN UP A  
COUPLE OF  
GRAND!

NO DICK IS  
GONNA BUST UP  
DAT RACKET!



YOU STAY LOCKED UP...  
WHILE WE LOOK FER  
YOUR BOY FRIEND!

OH! HOMER'S  
IN DANGER! YOU'LL  
KILL HIM!

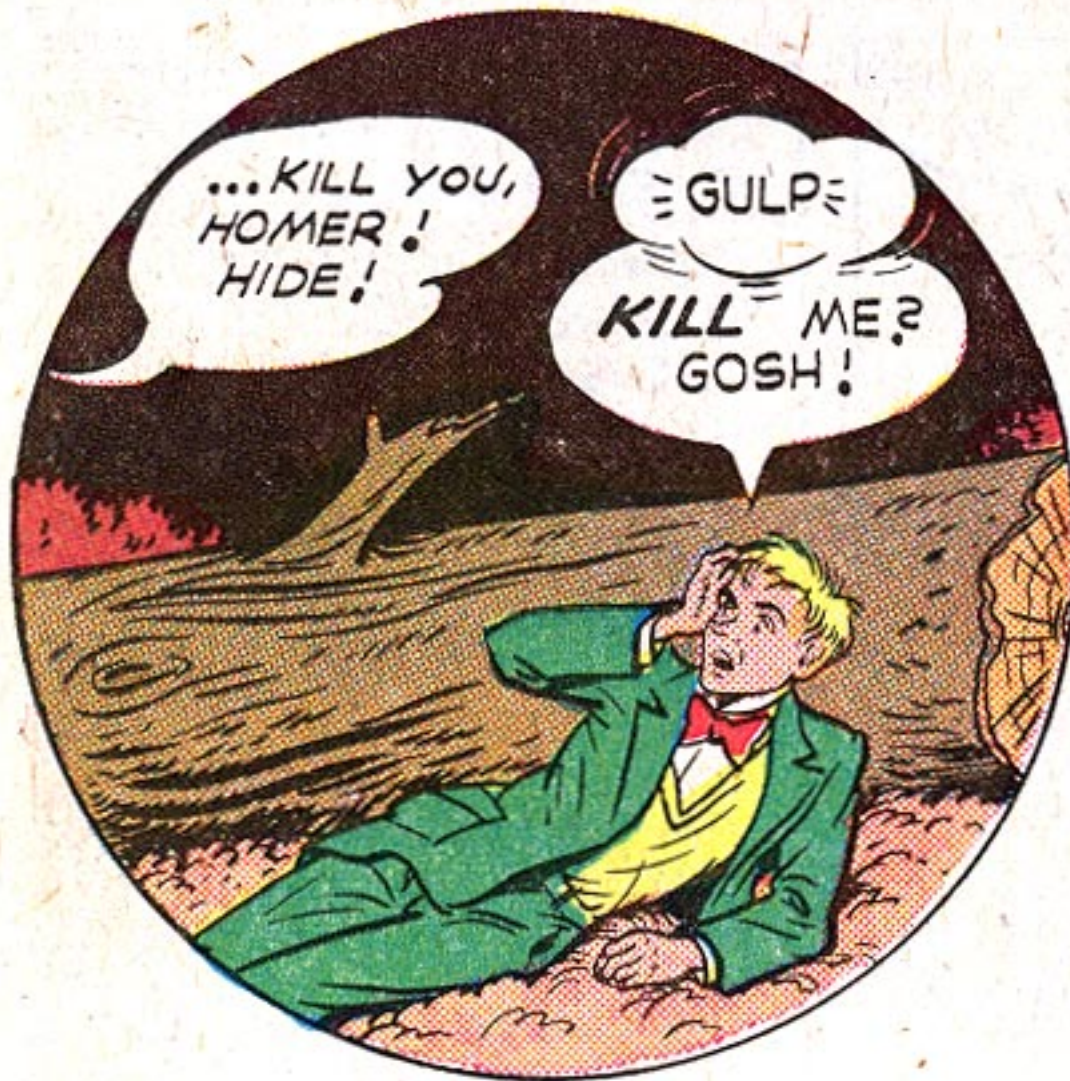


HOMER! LOOK OUT!  
THEY'RE GOING TO  
KILL YOU! HIDE!



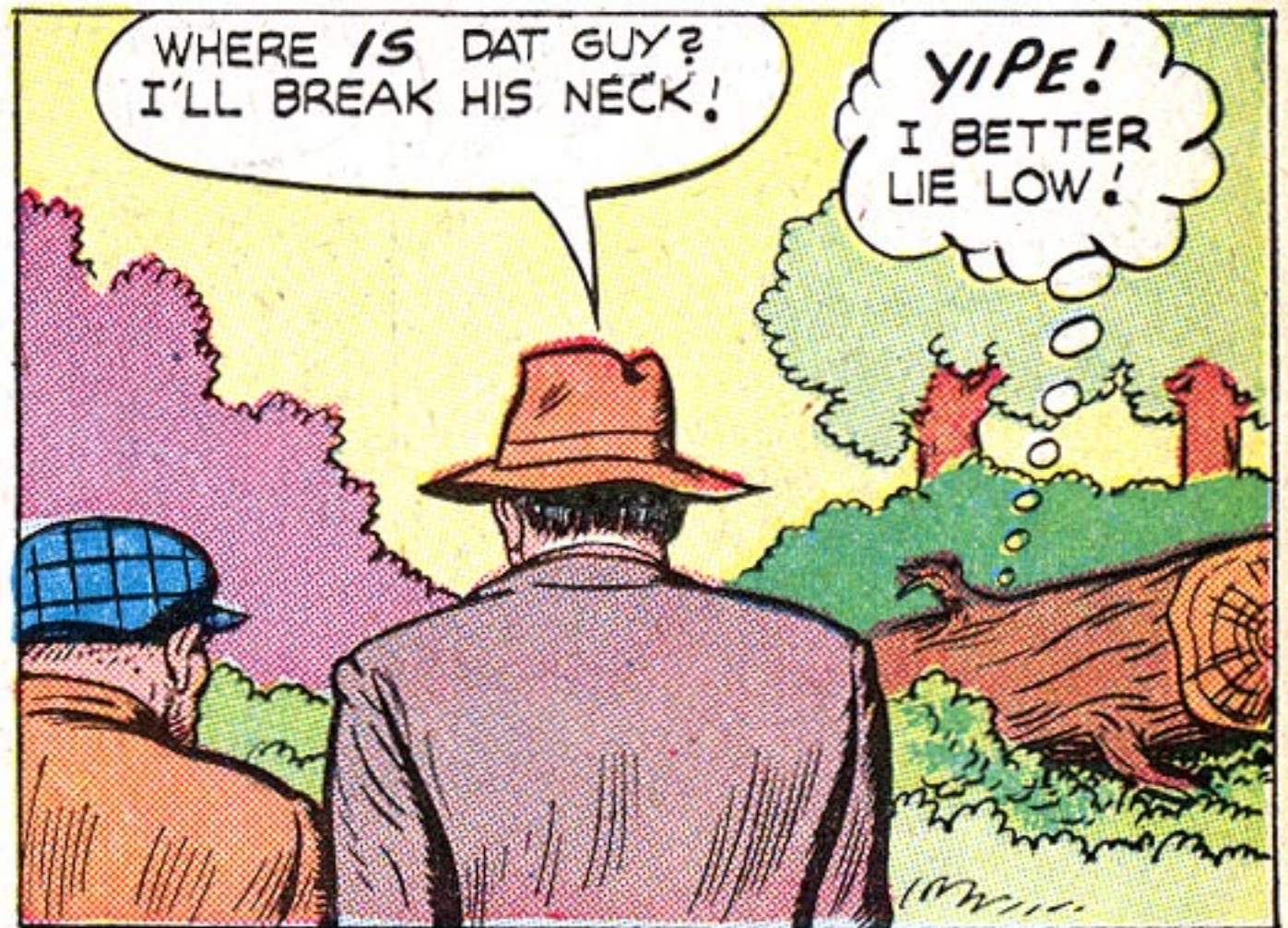
...KILL YOU,  
HOMER!  
HIDE!

GULP  
KILL ME?  
GOSH!

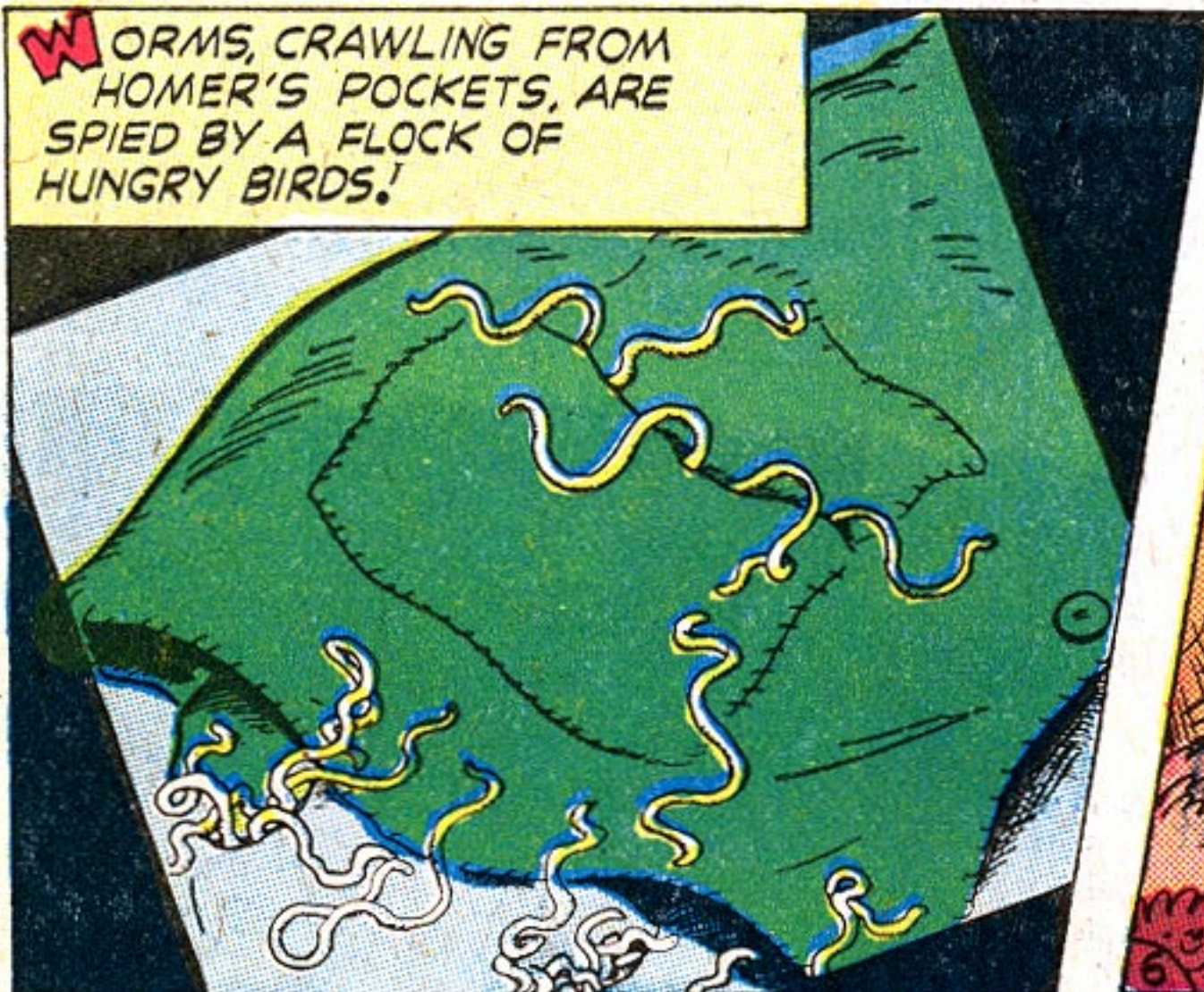


WHERE IS DAT GUY?  
I'LL BREAK HIS NECK!

YIPE!  
I BETTER  
LIE LOW!

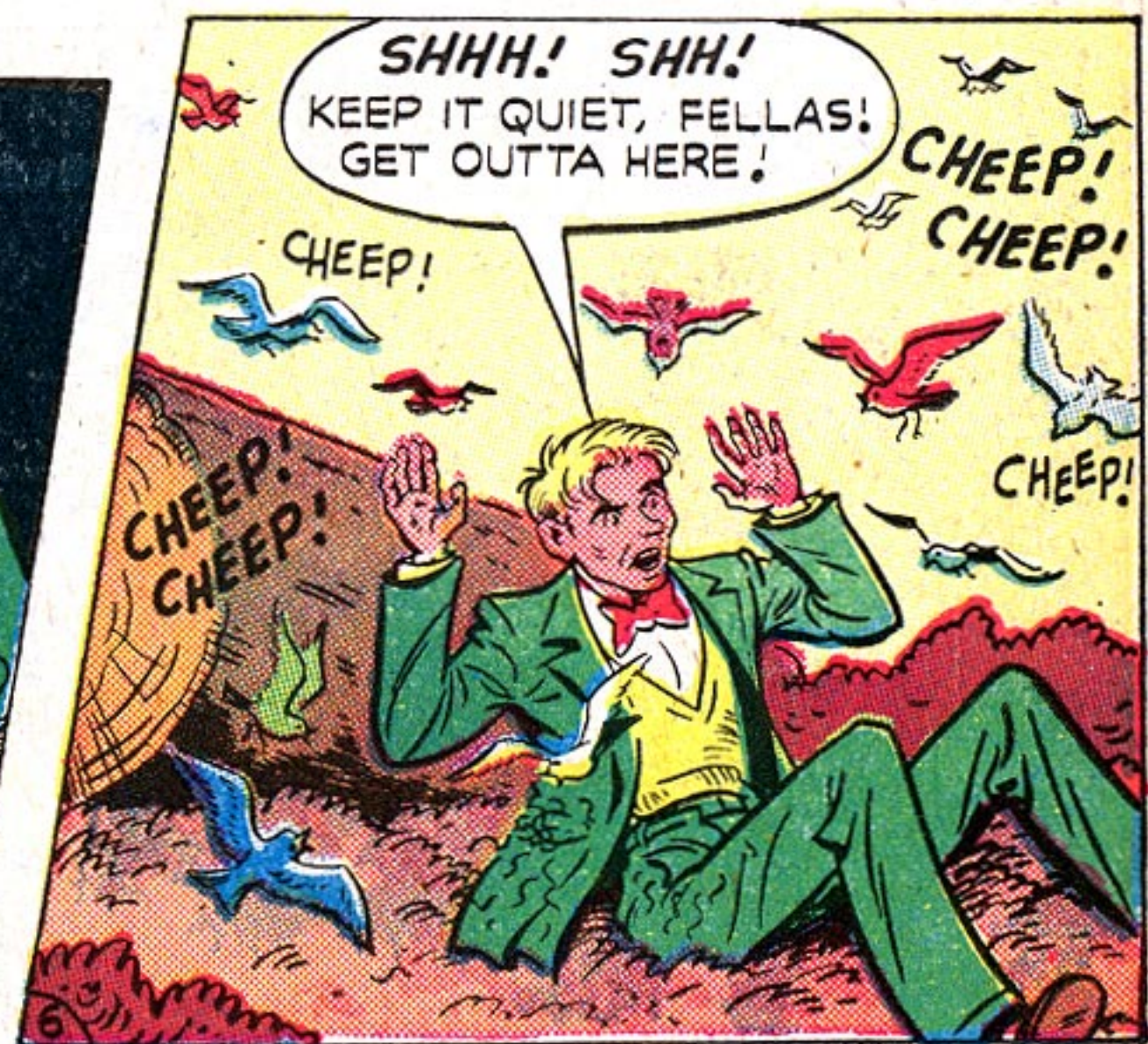


WORMS, CRAWLING FROM  
HOMER'S POCKETS, ARE  
SPIED BY A FLOCK OF  
HUNGRY BIRDS!

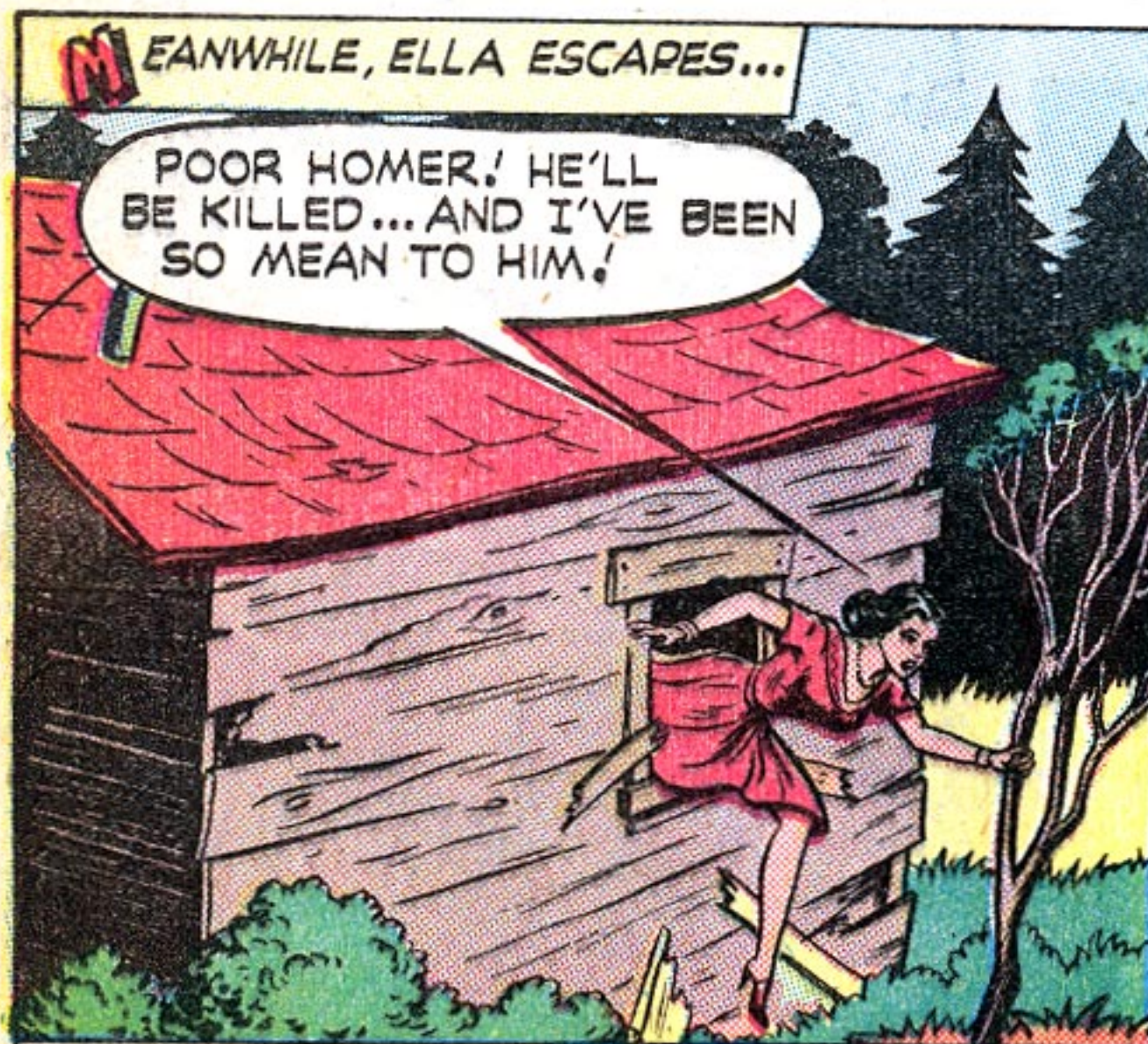
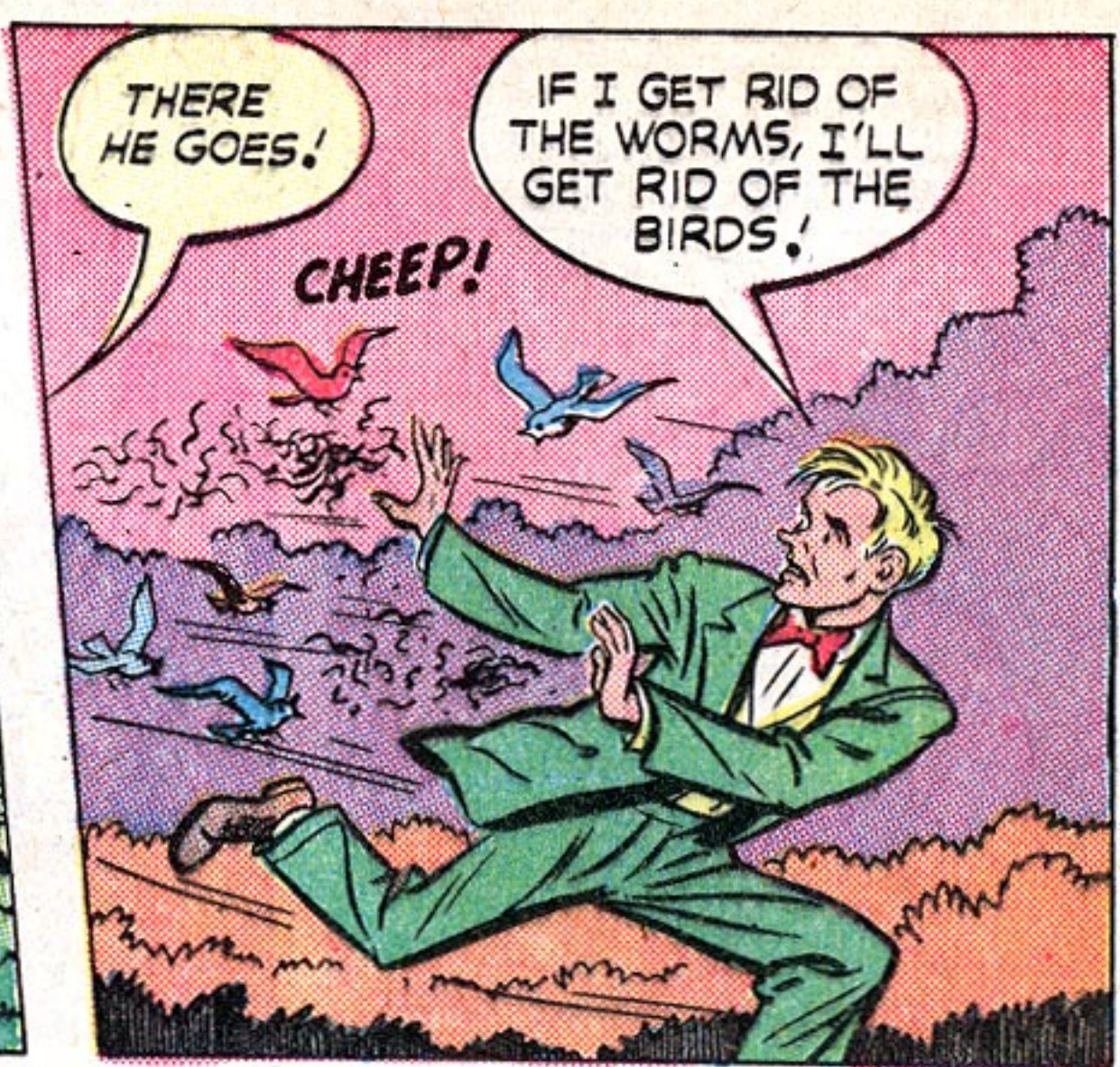
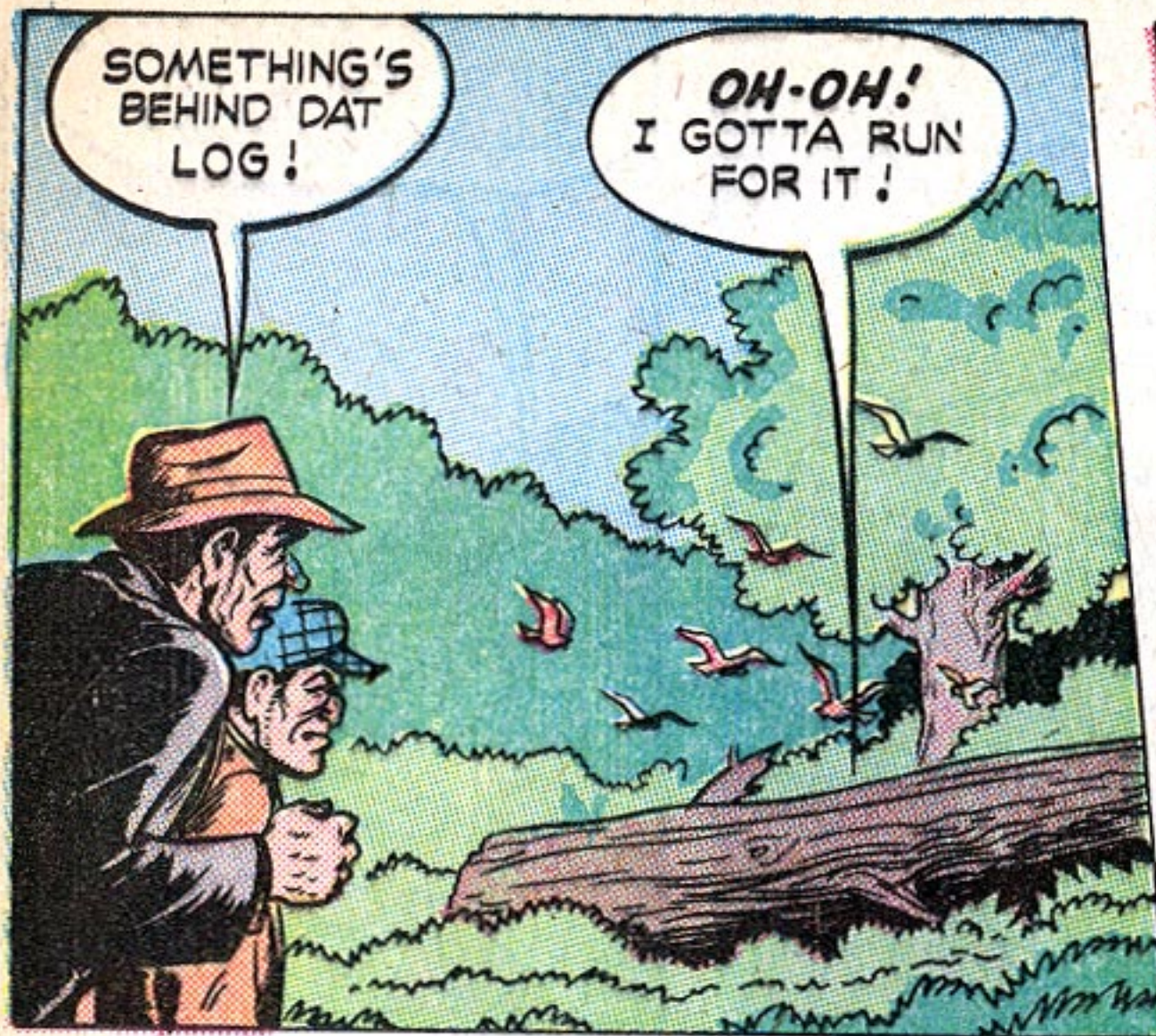


SHHH! SHH!  
KEEP IT QUIET, FELLAS!  
GET OUTTA HERE!

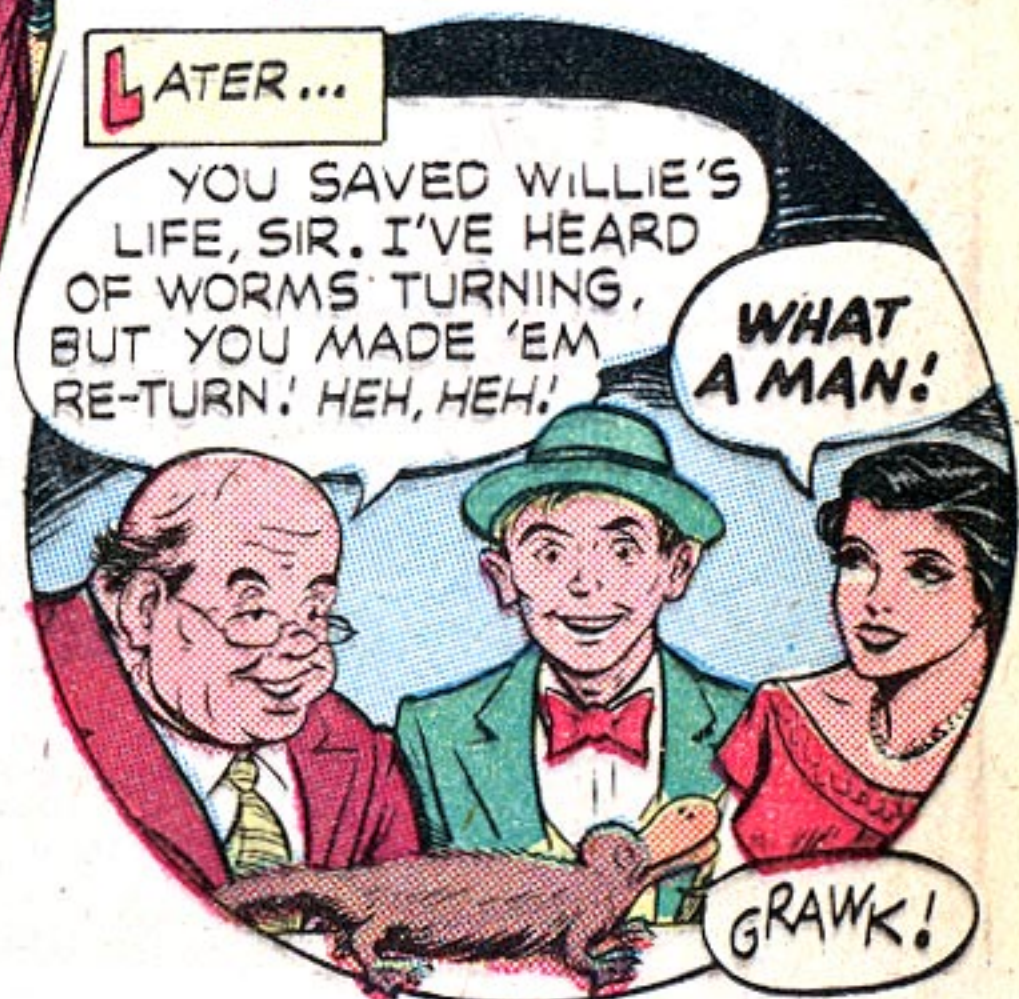
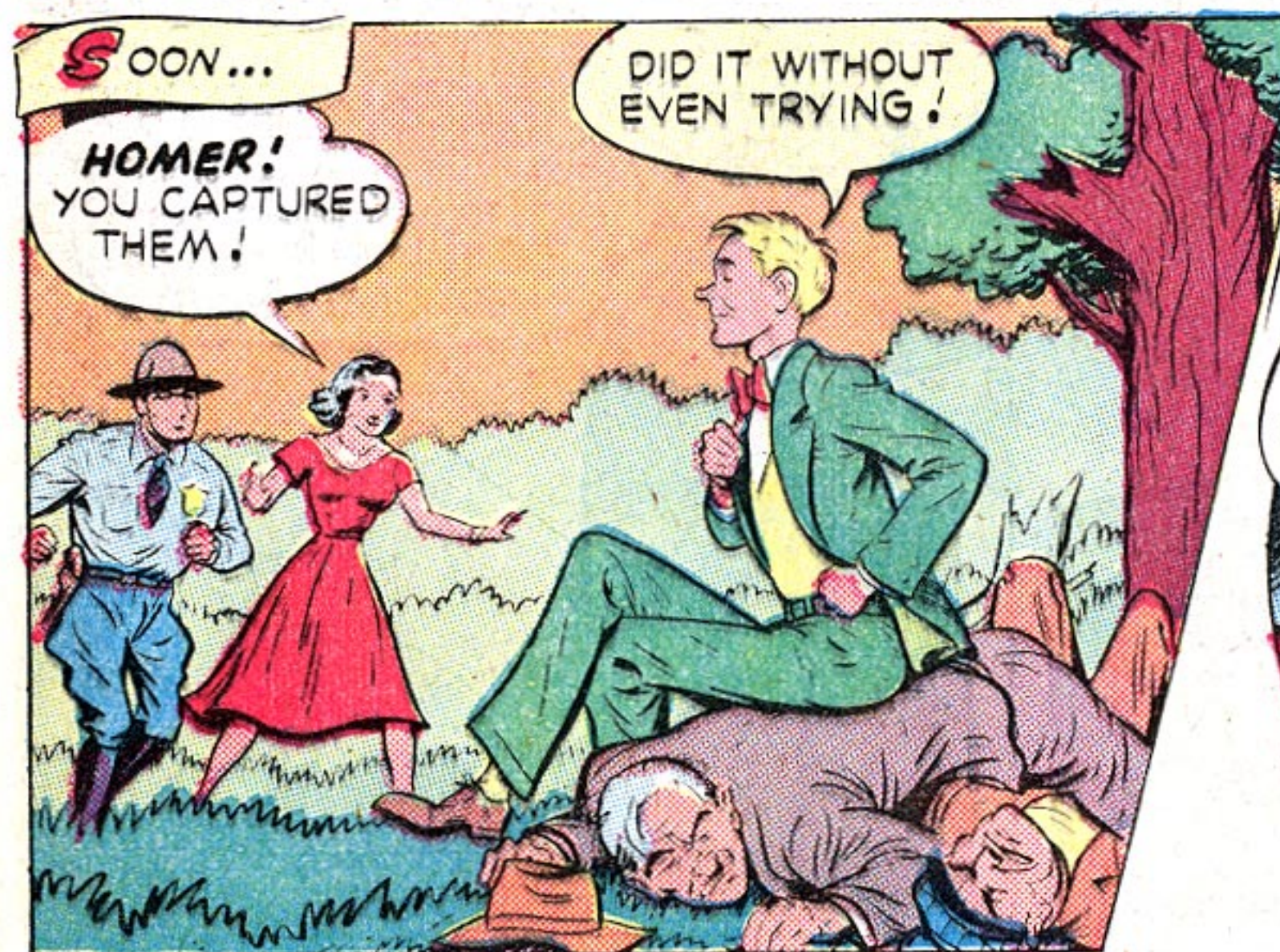
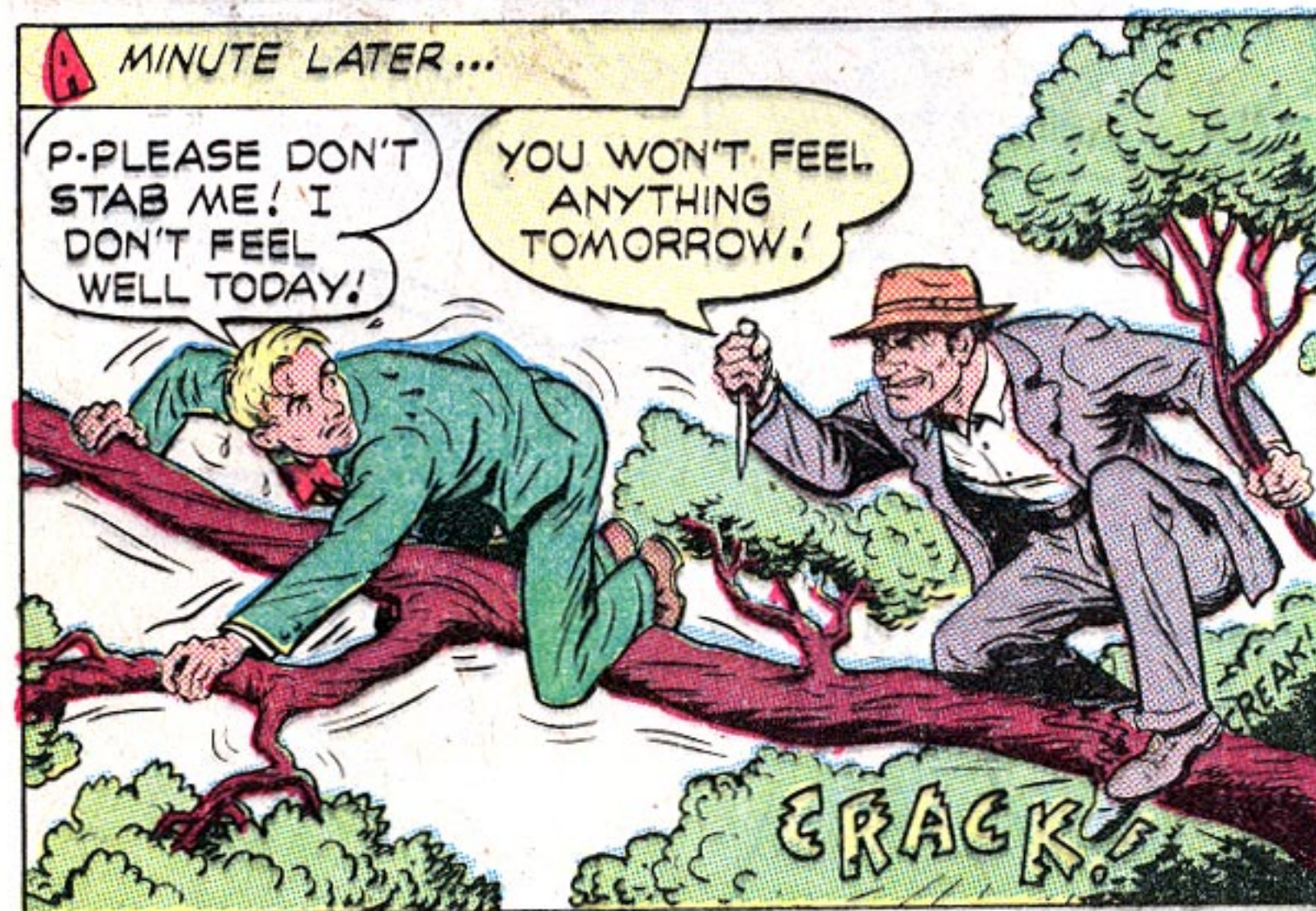
CHEEP!  
CHEEP!









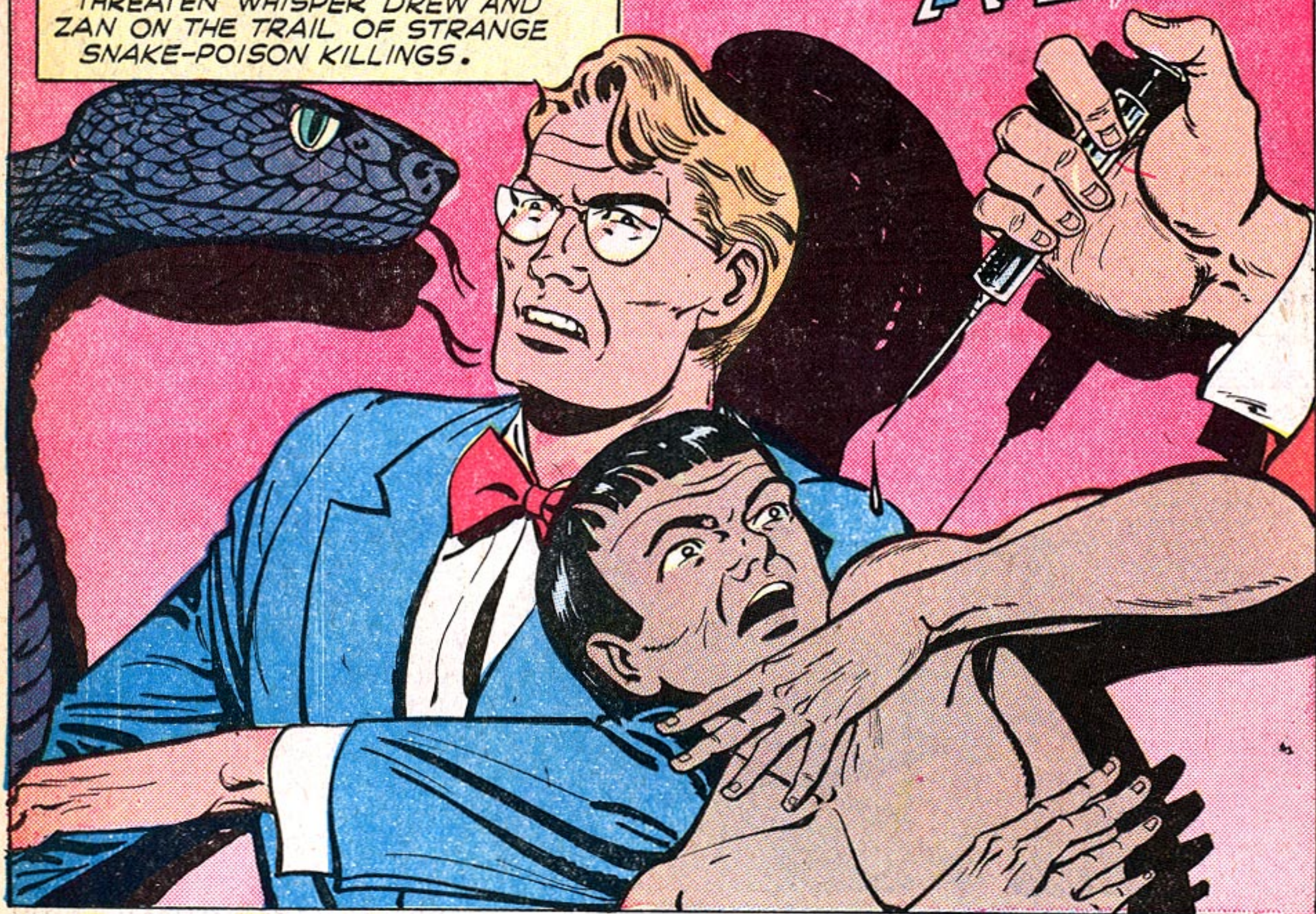




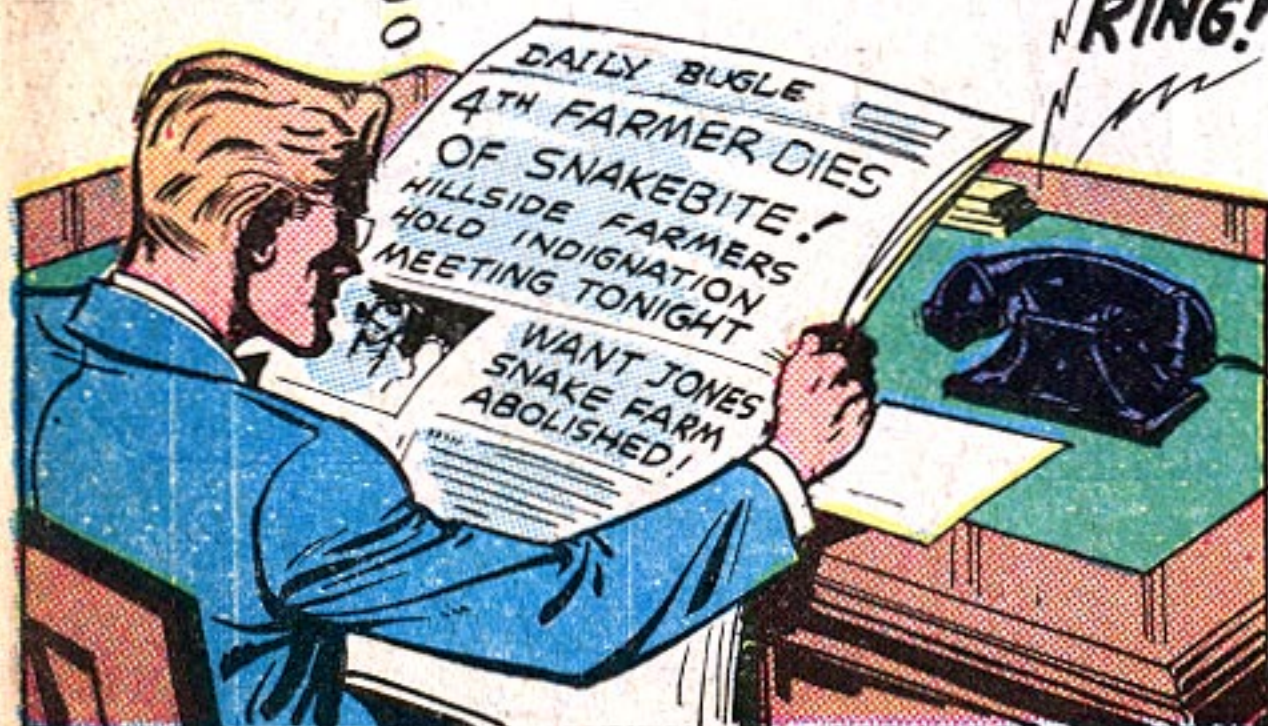
# DR. DREW THE ZOO MAN

## FANGS OF DEATH

THREATEN WHISPER DREW AND ZAN ON THE TRAIL OF STRANGE SNAKE-POISON KILLINGS.



H'MMM...THIS IS THE CASE DETECTIVE SNOUPE SAID HE WAS GOING TO NEED HELP ON...



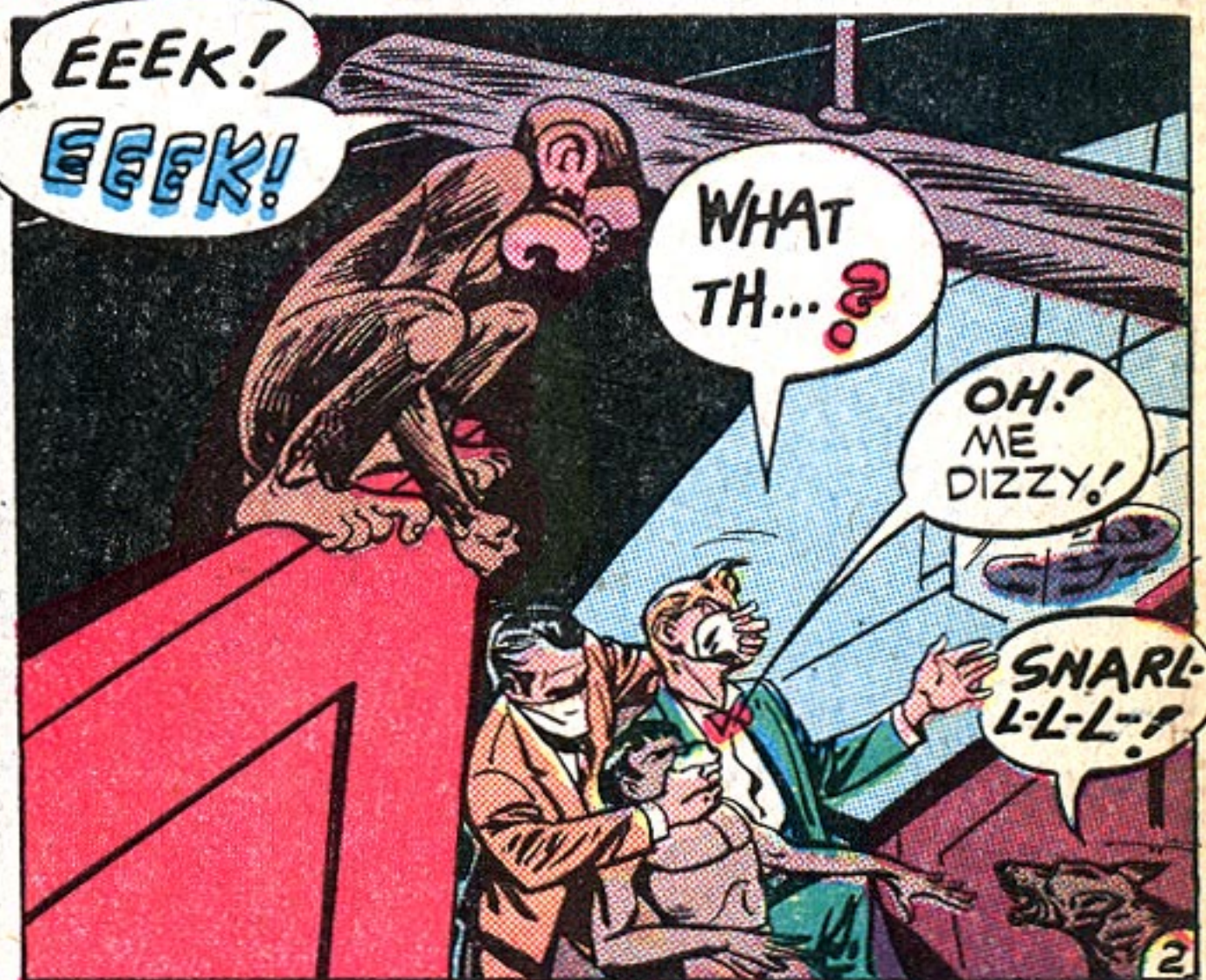
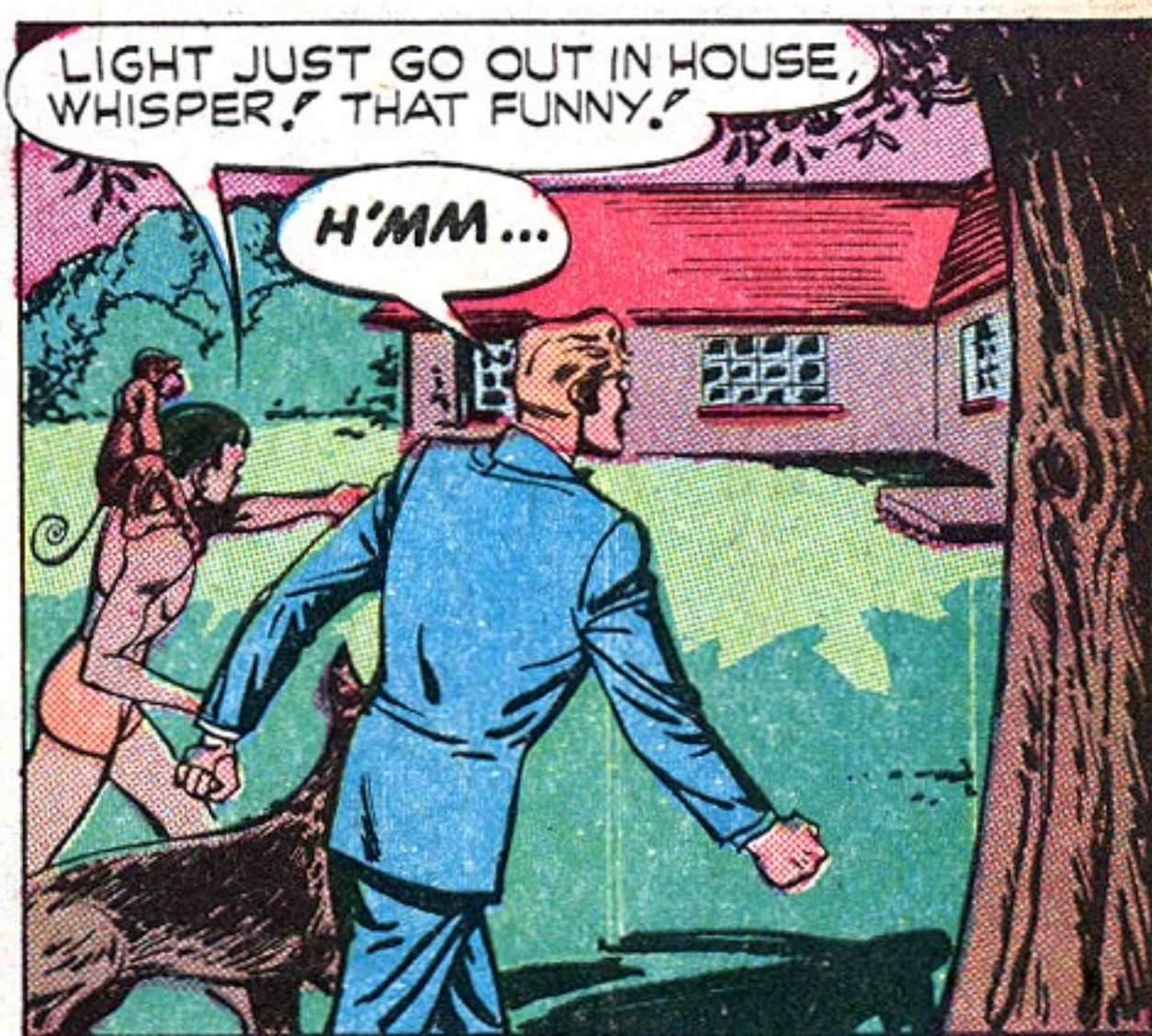
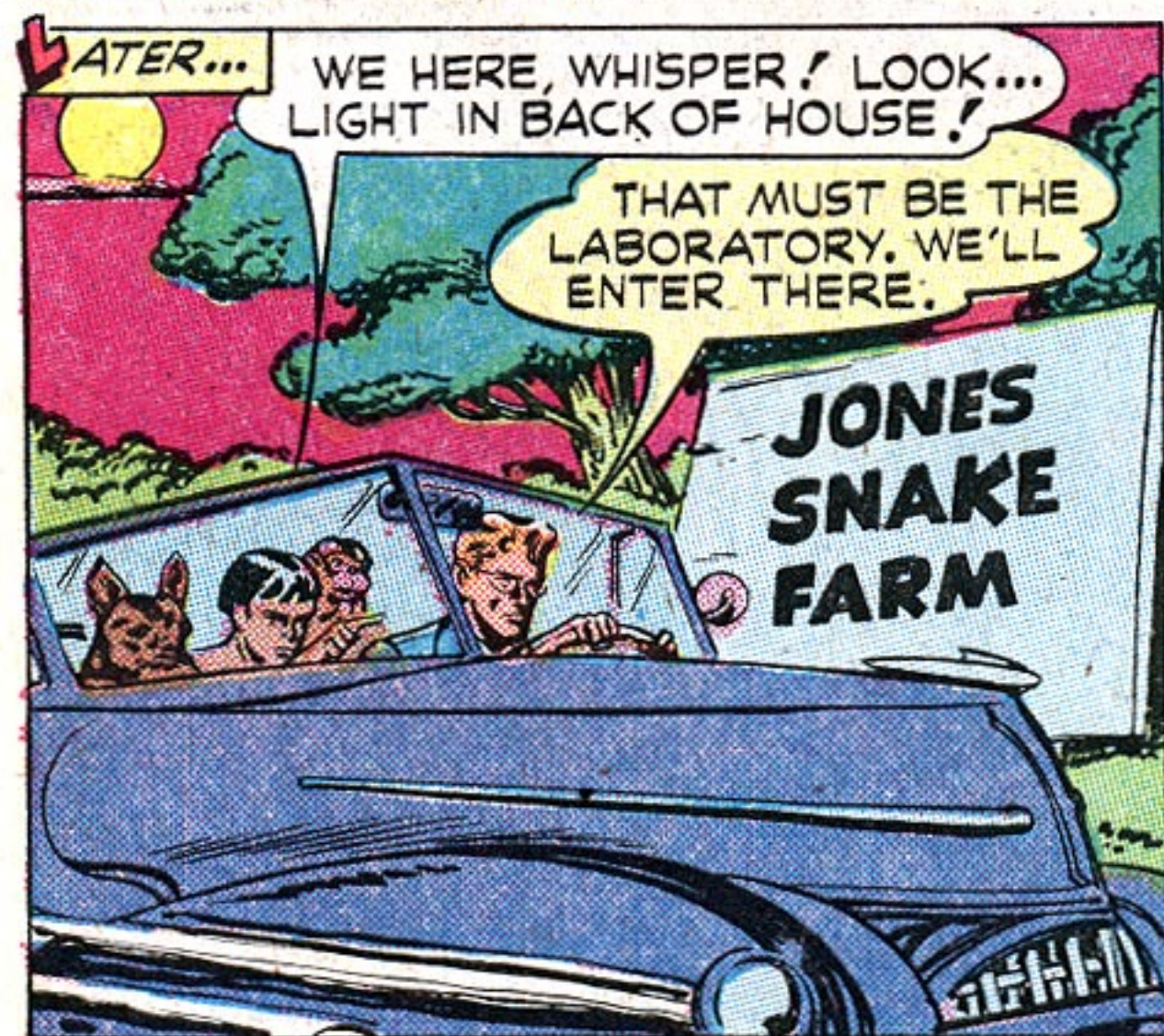
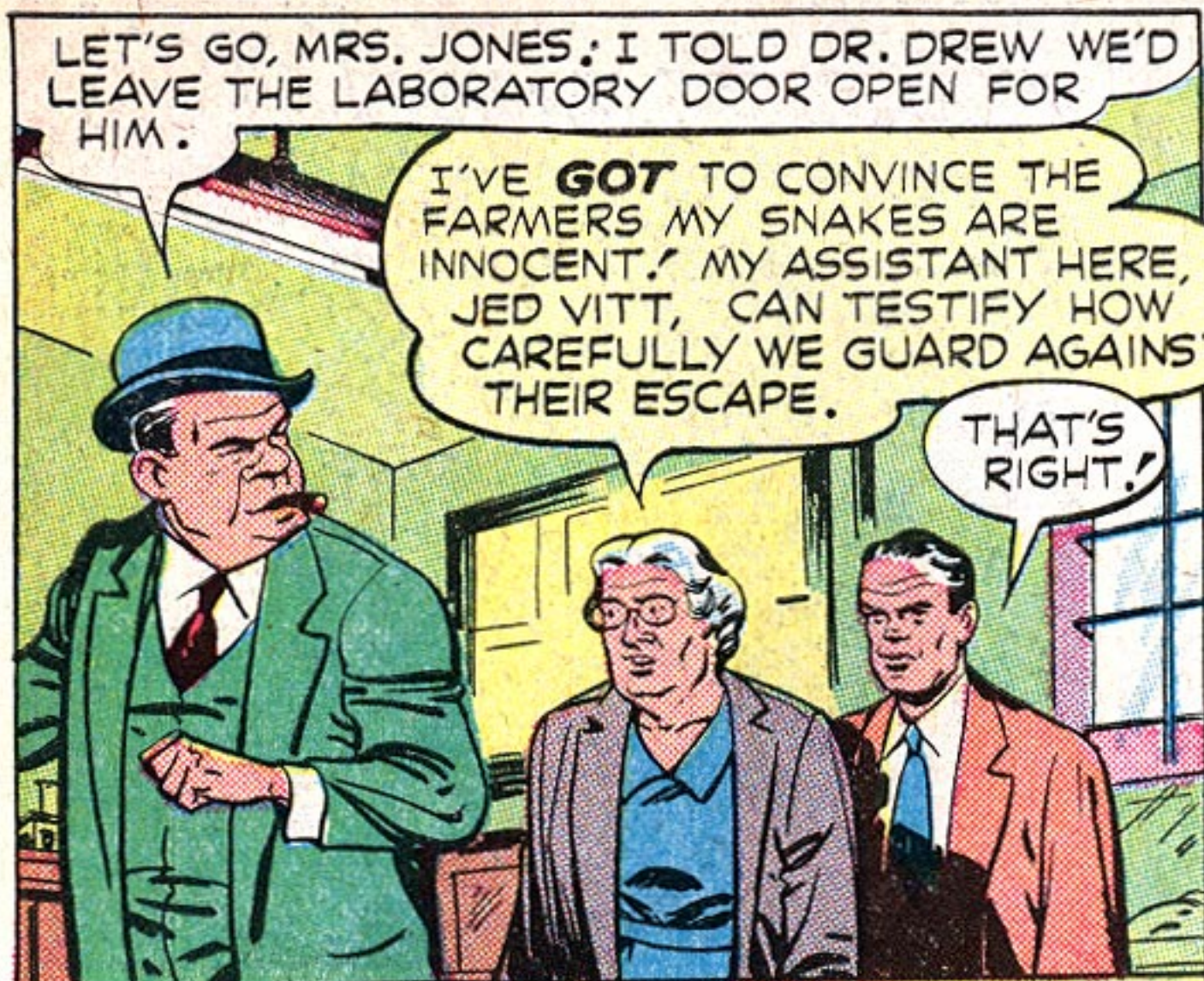
DAILY BUGLE  
4TH FARMER DIES  
OF SNAKEBITE!  
HILLSIDE FARMERS  
HOLD INDIGNATION  
MEETING TONIGHT  
WANT JONES  
SNAKE FARM  
ABOLISHED!

R-R-  
RING!

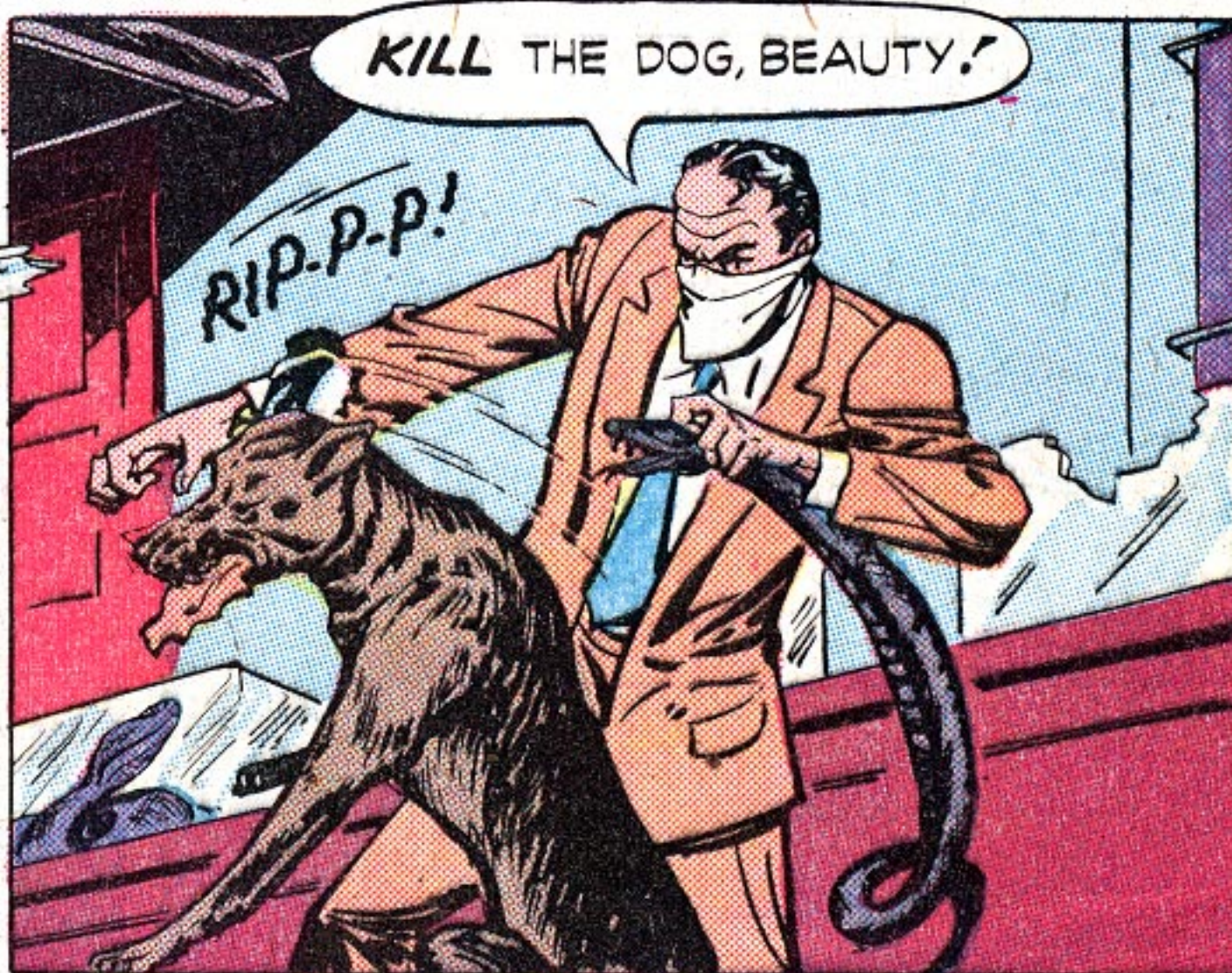
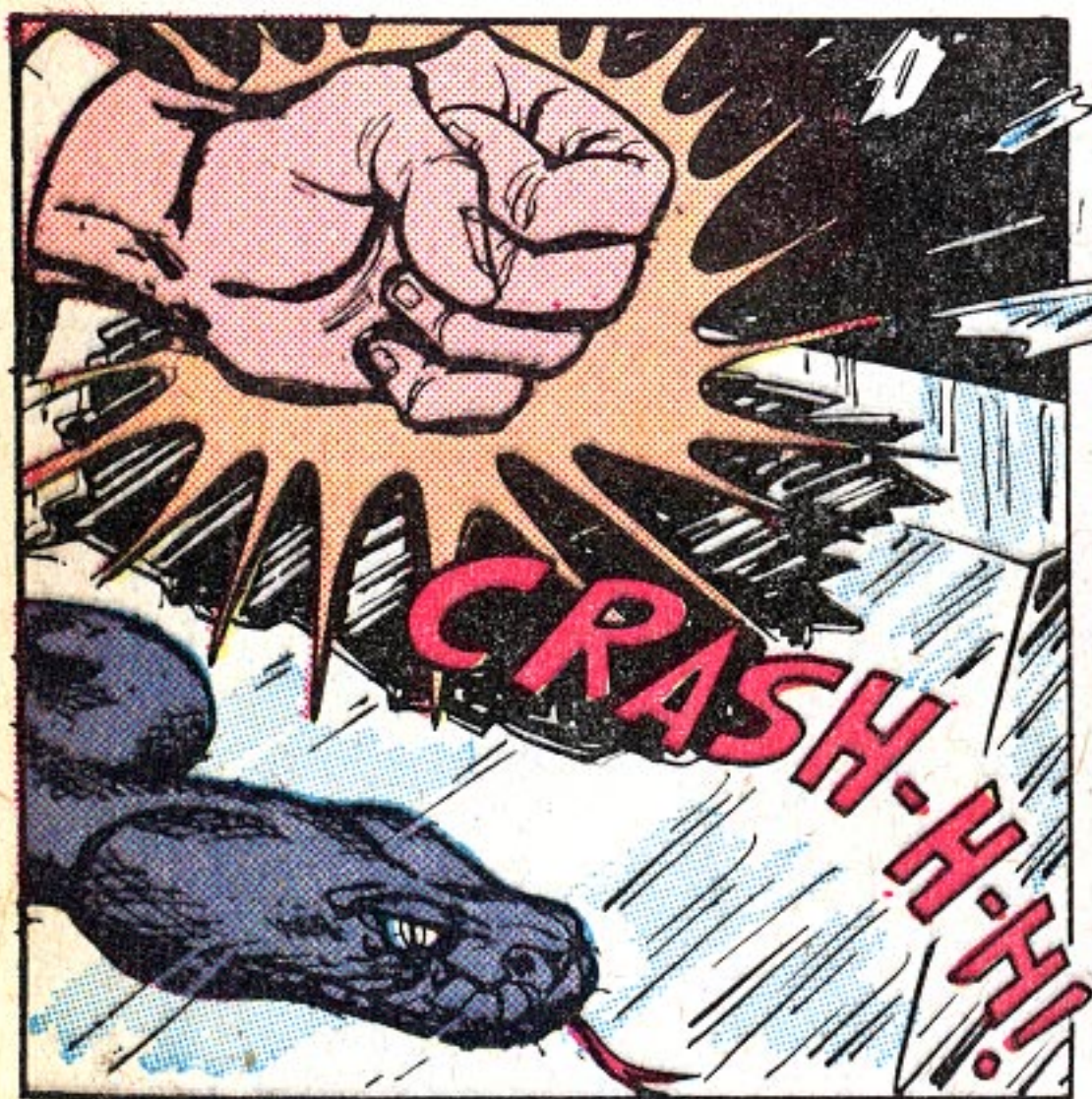
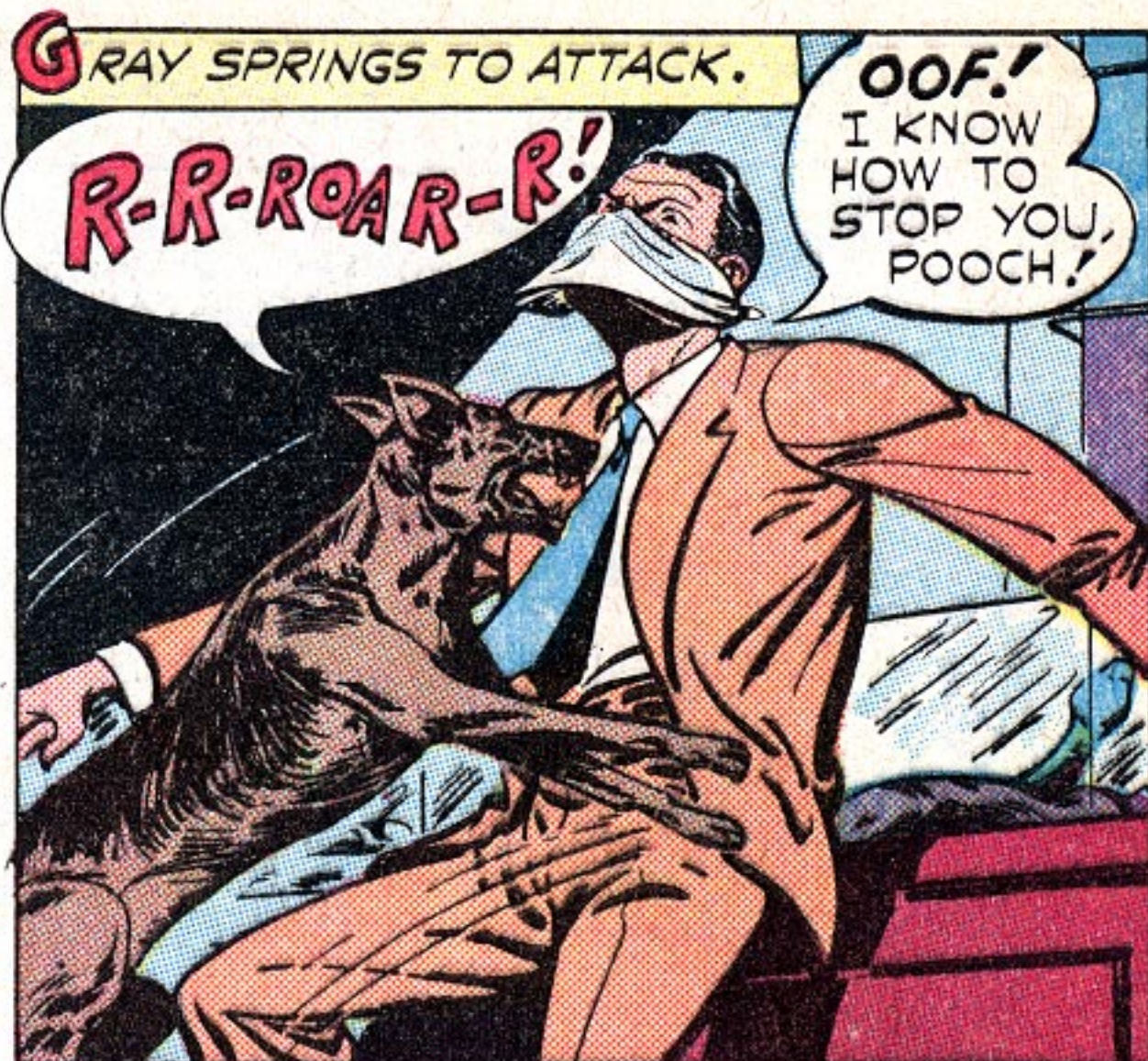
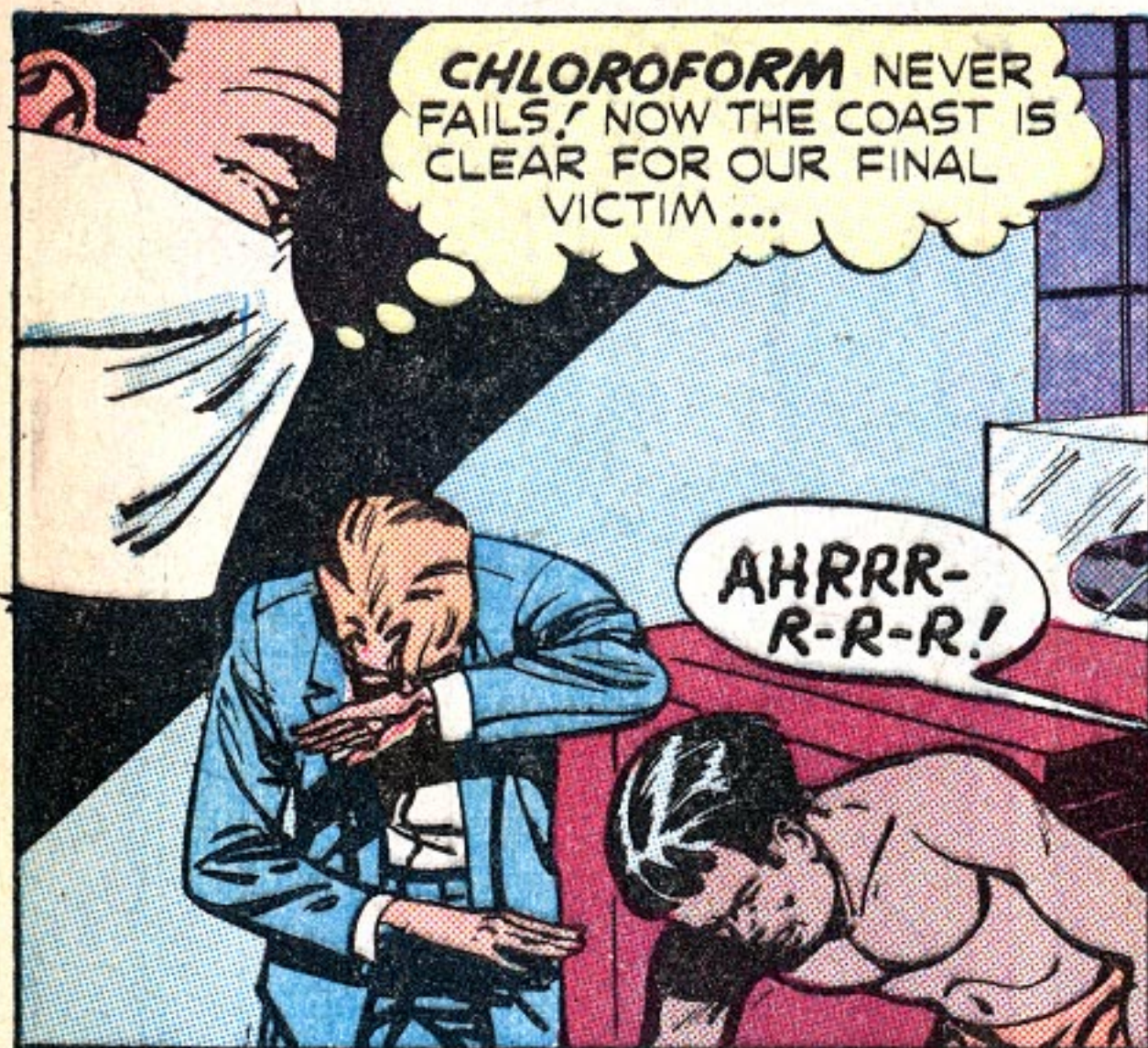


HELLO, WHISPER? I'M TAKING MRS. JONES TO THE INDIGNATION MEETING. MEANWHILE, CAN YOU GET DOWN HERE TO THE SNAKE FARM TO INVESTIGATE? GOOD!

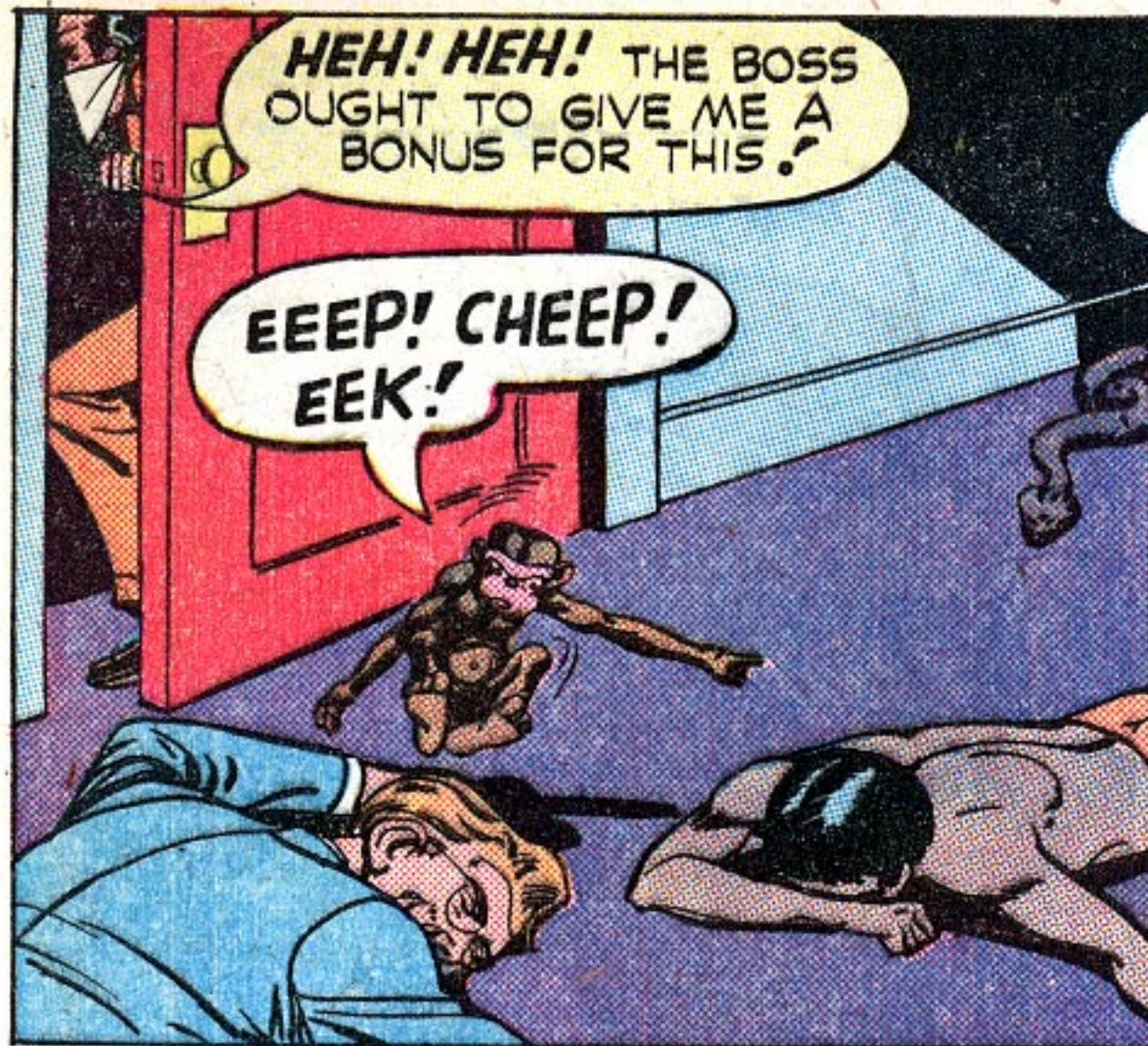






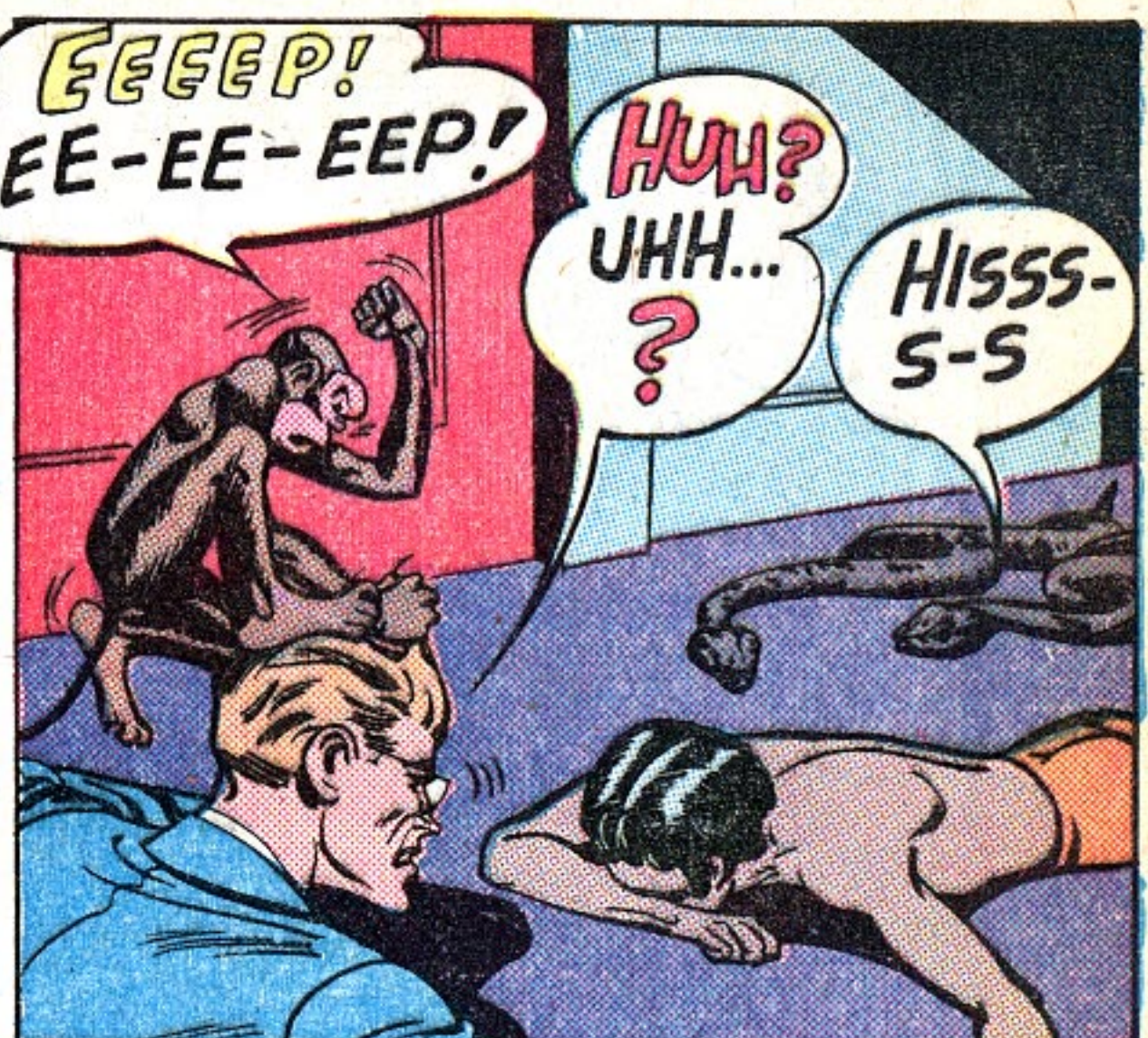






HEH! HEH! THE BOSS OUGHT TO GIVE ME A BONUS FOR THIS!

EEEEP! CHEEP! EEK!



EEEEEP! EE-EE-EEP!

HUH? UHH... ?

HISSS-S-S



HOLD IT, BROTHER COBRA! BZZZZZZZ... BZZZZZZZZZ....

EEEEEP!

WHUZZA... ?



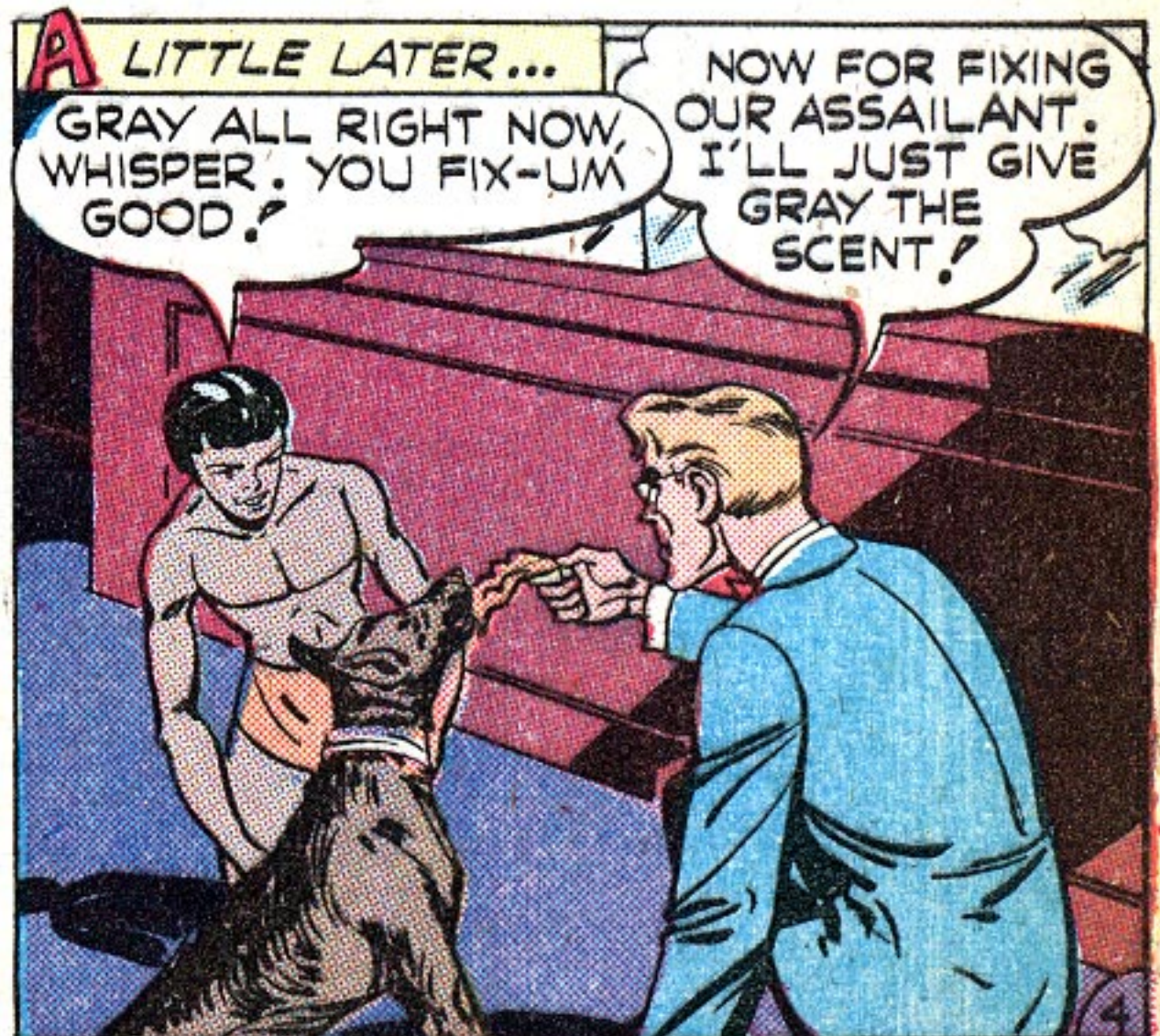
WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! THE SNAKES HAVE AGREED TO GO BACK TO THEIR GLASS CASE AND STAY THERE!

MIKKO SAVE-UM OUR LIVES BY WAKE YOU UP, WHISPER!



LUCKILY, THE SNAKE THAT BIT GRAY DIDN'T SINK ITS FANGS DEEP. I'LL MAKE AN INCISION TO GET THE POISON OUT!

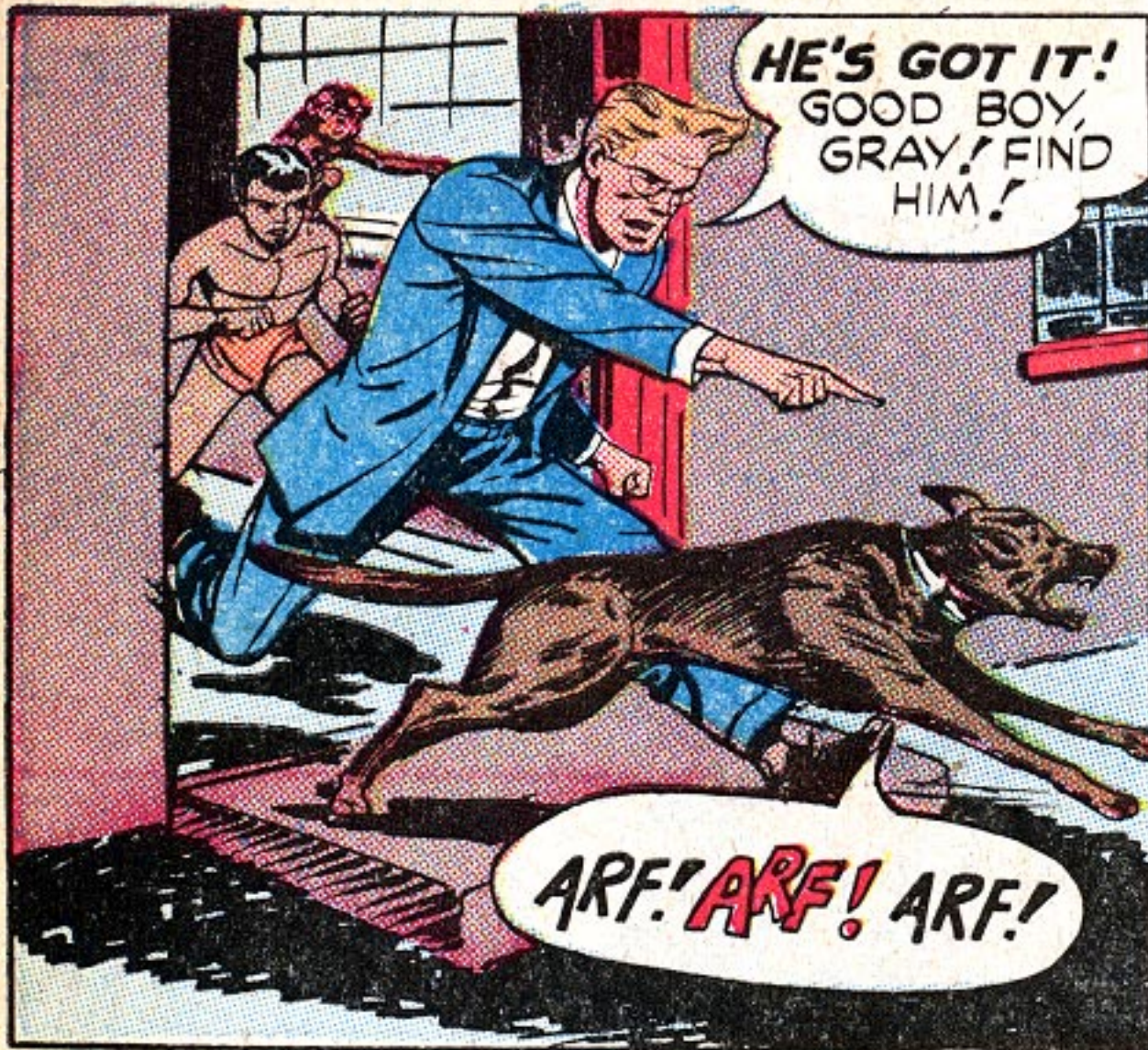
LOOK, WHISPER! GRAY HAS PATCH FROM EVIL MAN'S COAT!



A LITTLE LATER... GRAY ALL RIGHT NOW, WHISPER. YOU FIX-UM GOOD!

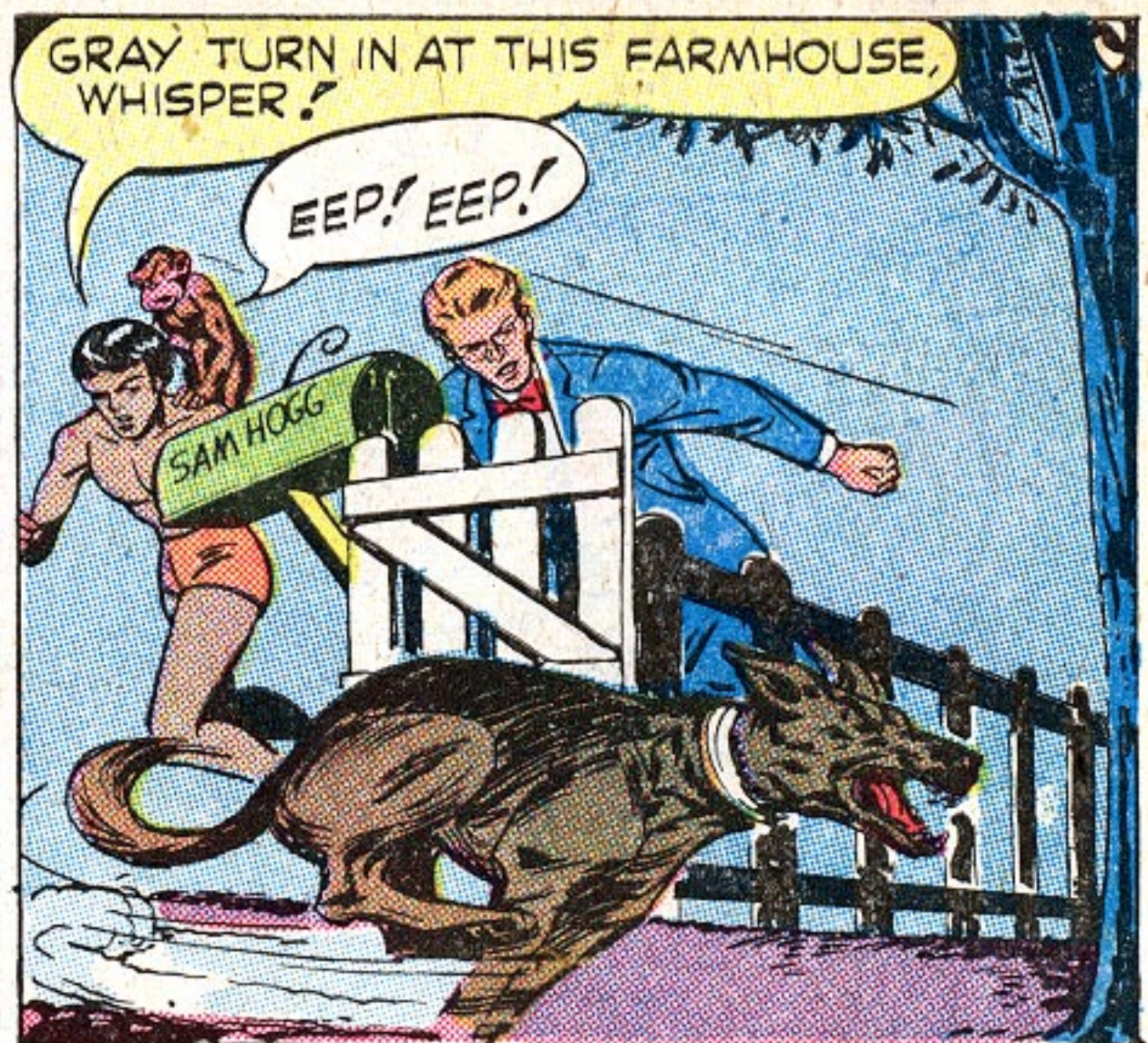
NOW FOR FIXING OUR ASSAILANT. I'LL JUST GIVE GRAY THE SCENT!





HE'S GOT IT!  
GOOD BOY,  
GRAY! FIND  
HIM!

ARF! ARF! ARF!



GRAY TURN IN AT THIS FARMHOUSE,  
WHISPER!

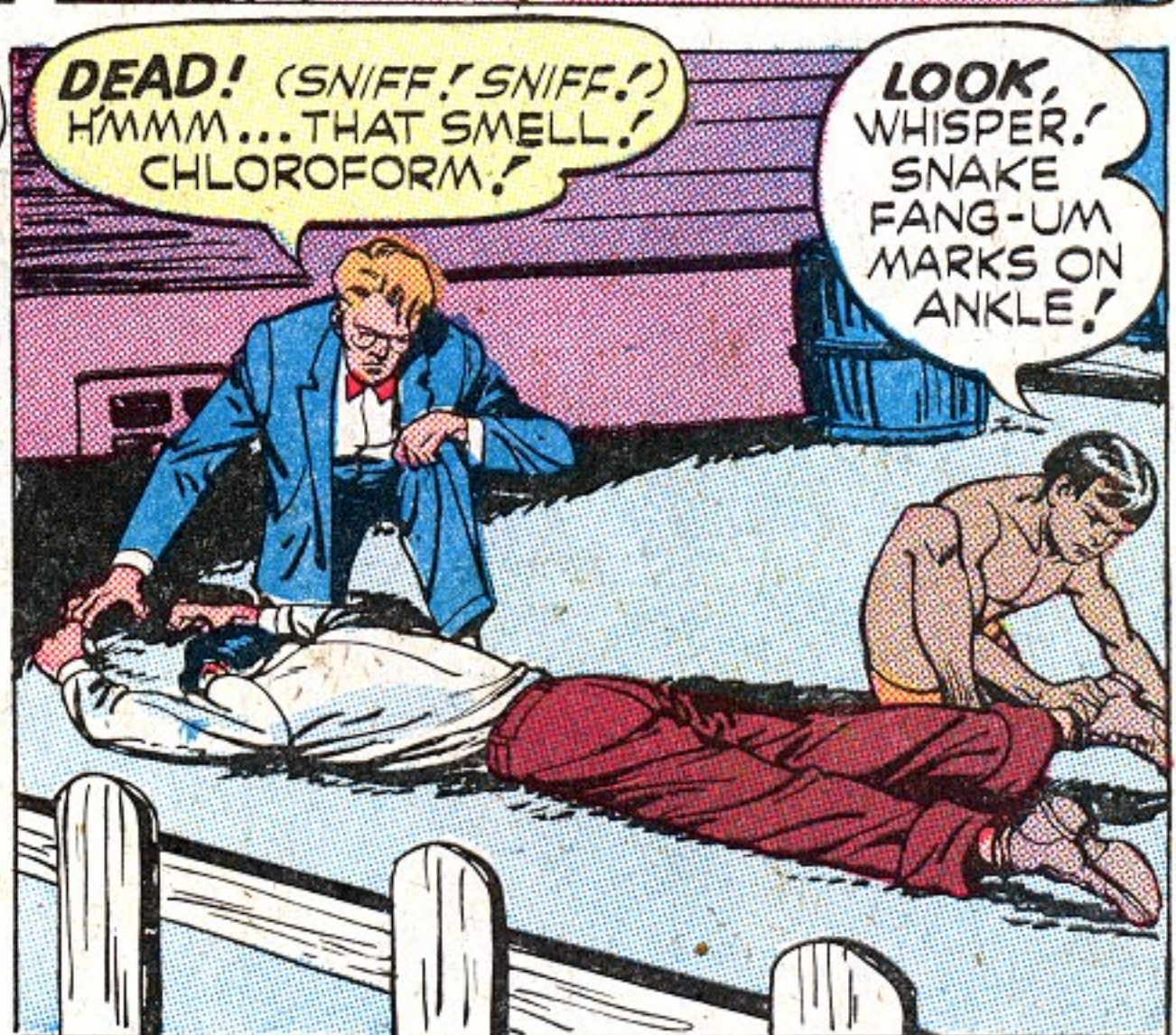
EEP! EEP!



HOWL-L-L!

GRAY FIND-UM  
SOMETHING!

SOMETHING  
TRAGIC, I'M  
AFRAID!

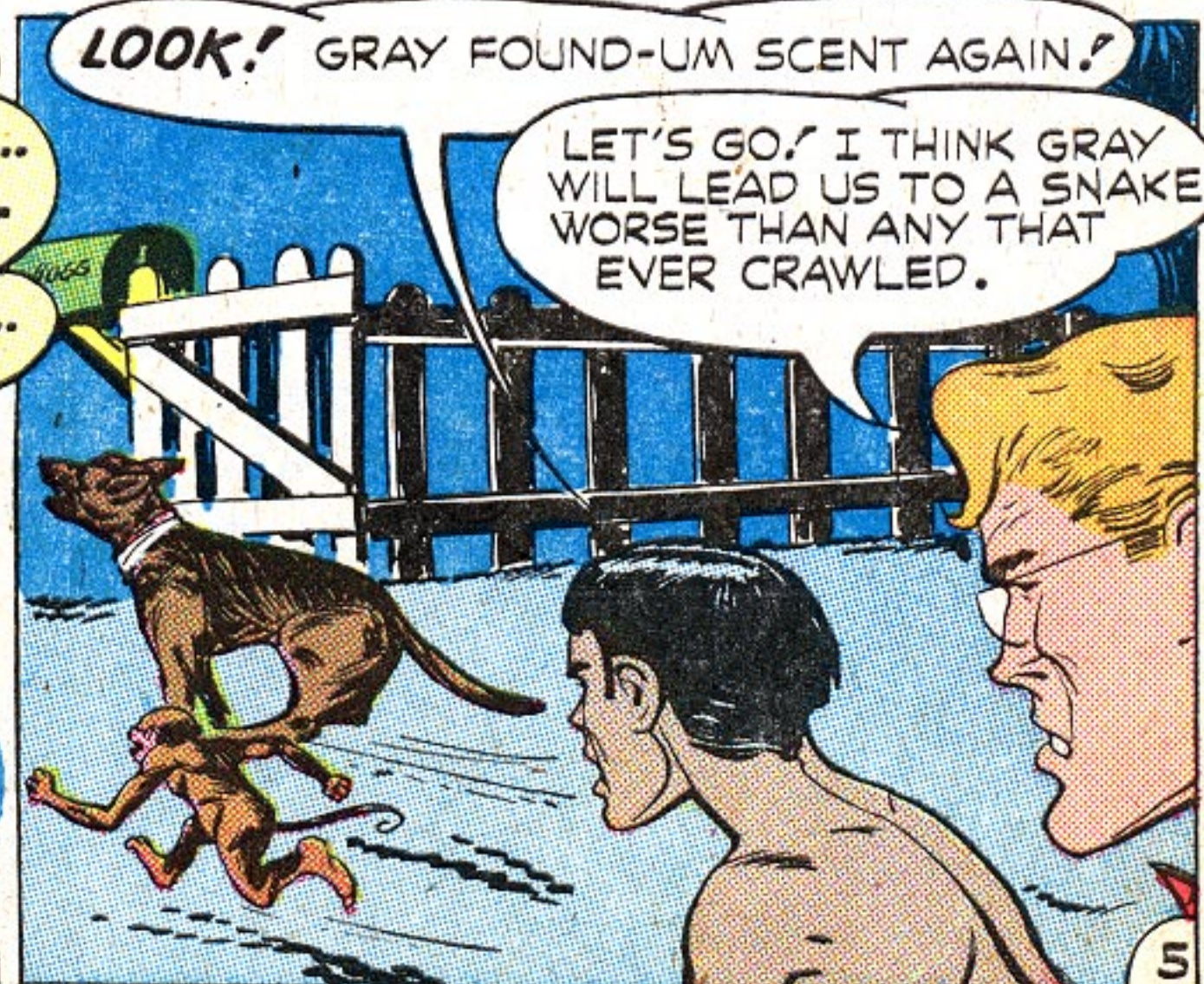


DEAD! (SNIFF! SNIFF!)  
HMMM... THAT SMELL!  
CHLOROFORM!

LOOK,  
WHISPER!  
SNAKE  
FANG-UM  
MARKS ON  
ANKLE!



ODD! OBVIOUSLY  
BITTEN BY A  
POISONOUS SNAKE...  
YET I NEVER SAW  
FANG MARKS **THAT**  
WIDE APART! AND  
THE CHLOROFORM...  
HMMM...



LOOK! GRAY FOUND-UM SCENT AGAIN!

LET'S GO! I THINK GRAY  
WILL LEAD US TO A SNAKE  
WORSE THAN ANY THAT  
EVER CRAWLED.



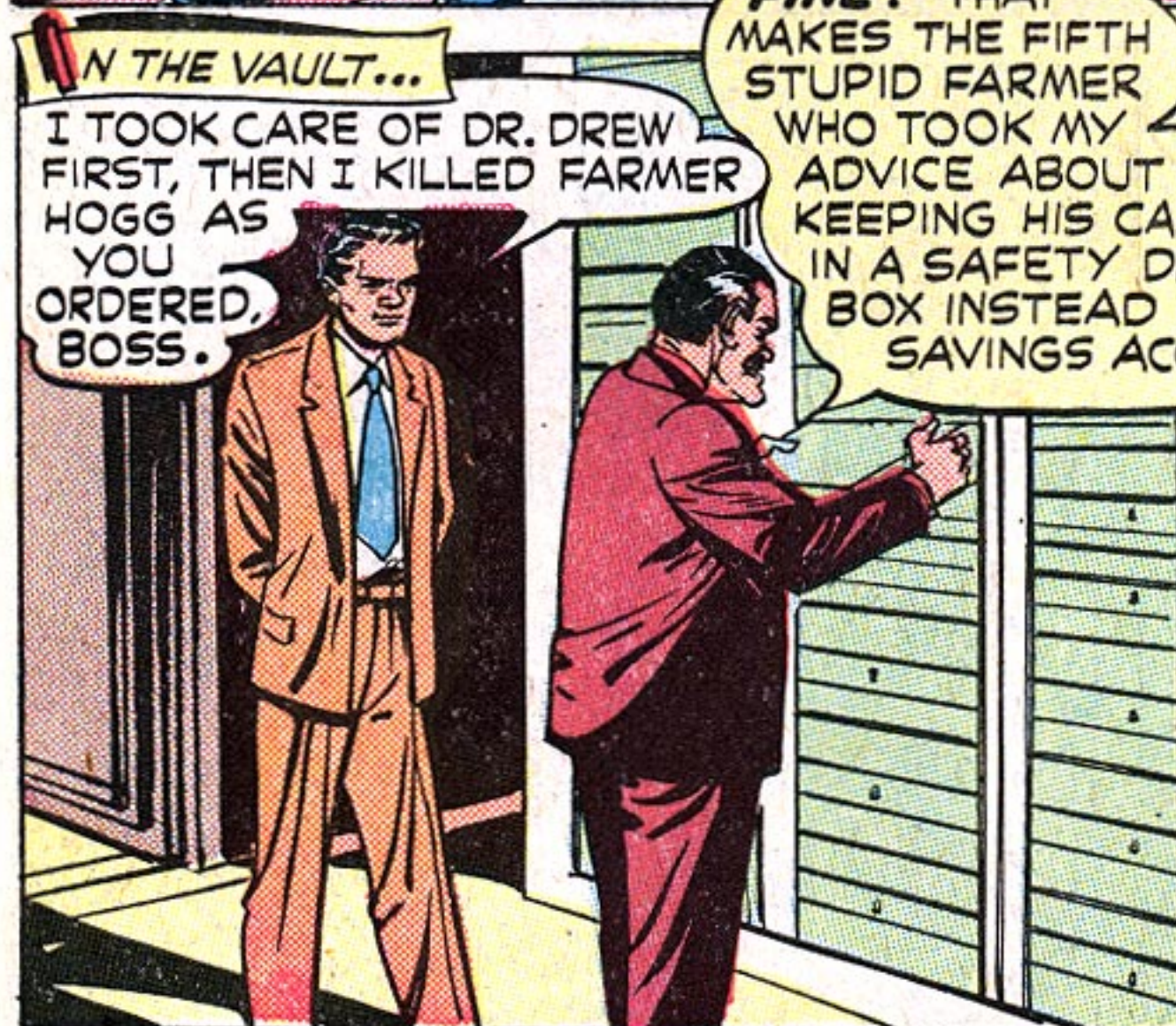


GRAY HEADING STRAIGHT-UM FOR BANK!

THE GRANGE IS DARK. INDIGNATION MEETING IS OVER... BUT THERE'S A LIGHT IN THE REAR OF THE BANK, ZAN! WE'LL GO IN THE FRONT WAY.



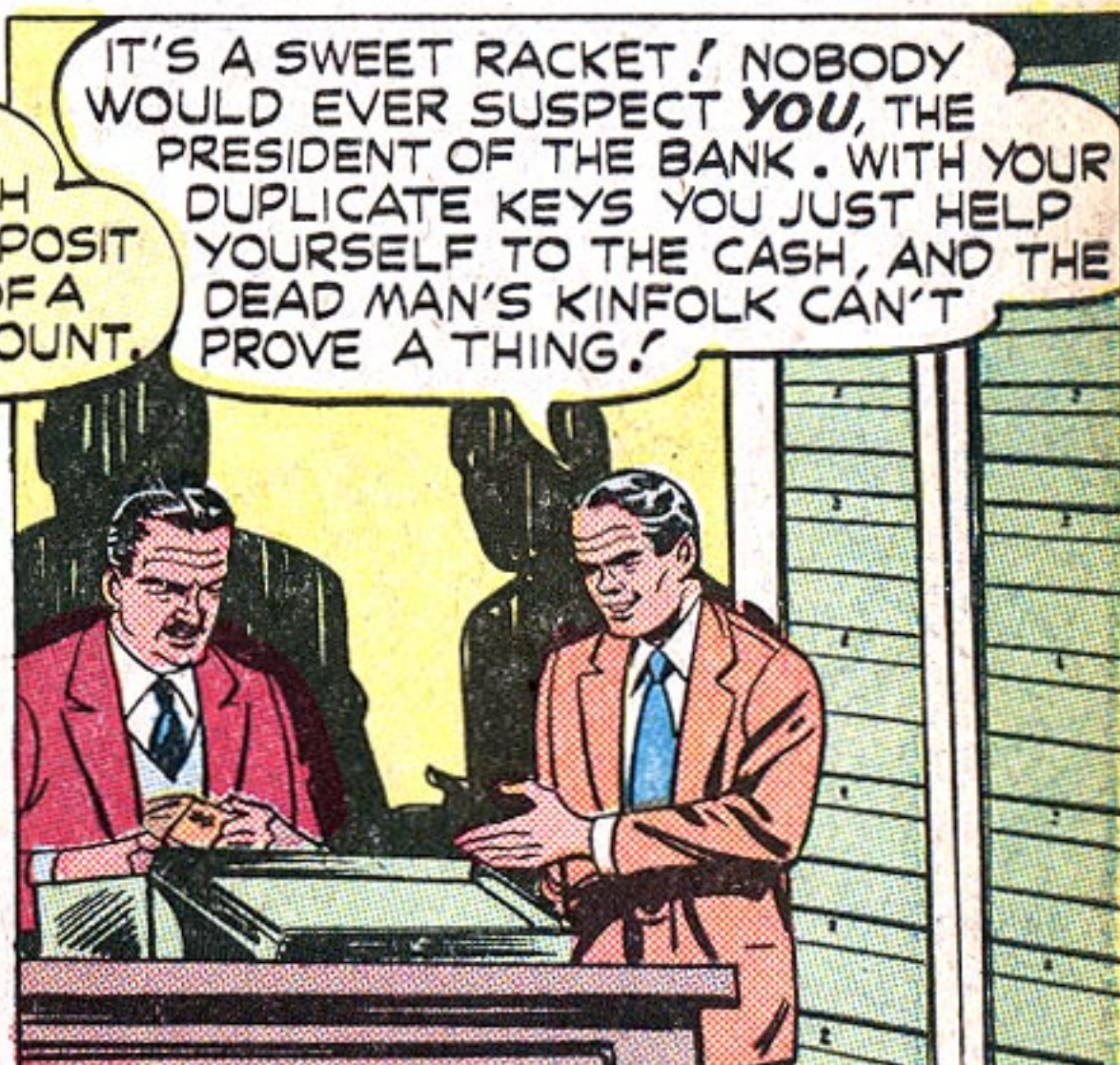
SHHH! LOOK! TWO MEN IN THE BANK VAULT! LET'S LISTEN AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE UP TO.



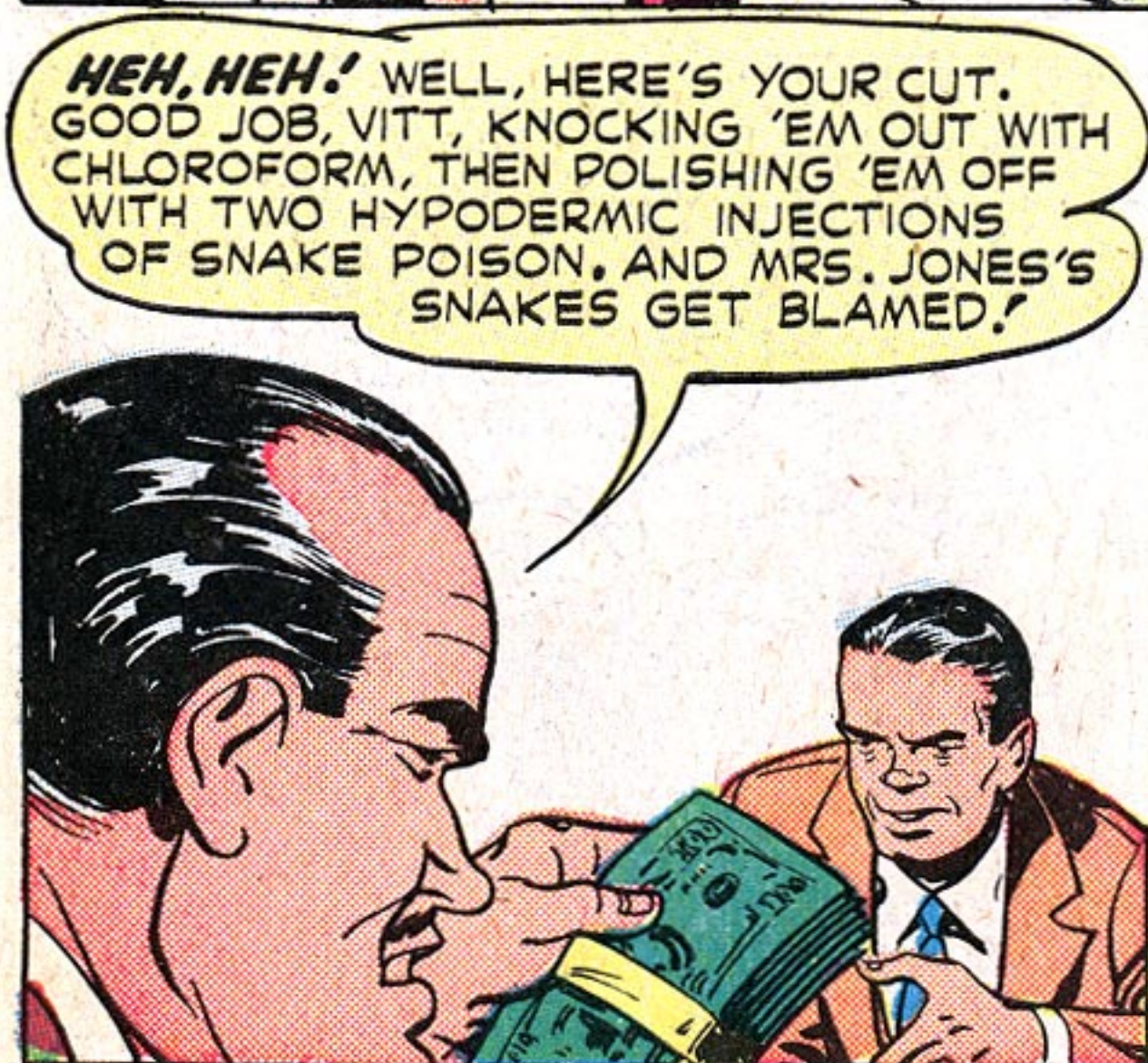
IN THE VAULT...

I TOOK CARE OF DR. DREW FIRST, THEN I KILLED FARMER HOGG AS YOU ORDERED, BOSS.

FINE! THAT MAKES THE FIFTH STUPID FARMER WHO TOOK MY ADVICE ABOUT KEEPING HIS CASH IN A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX INSTEAD OF A SAVINGS ACCOUNT.



IT'S A SWEET RACKET! NOBODY WOULD EVER SUSPECT **YOU**, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK. WITH YOUR DUPLICATE KEYS YOU JUST HELP YOURSELF TO THE CASH, AND THE DEAD MAN'S KINFOLK CAN'T PROVE A THING!



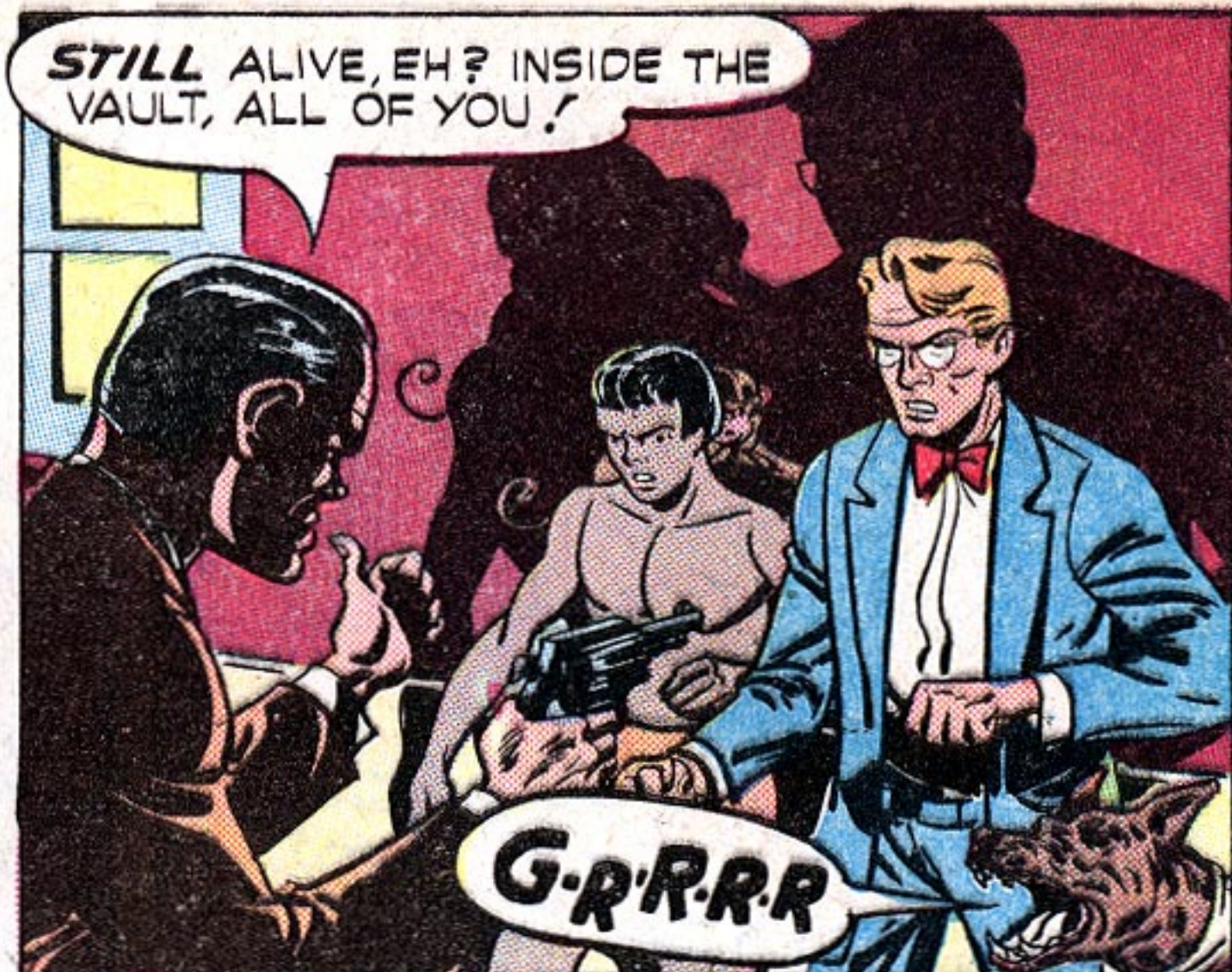
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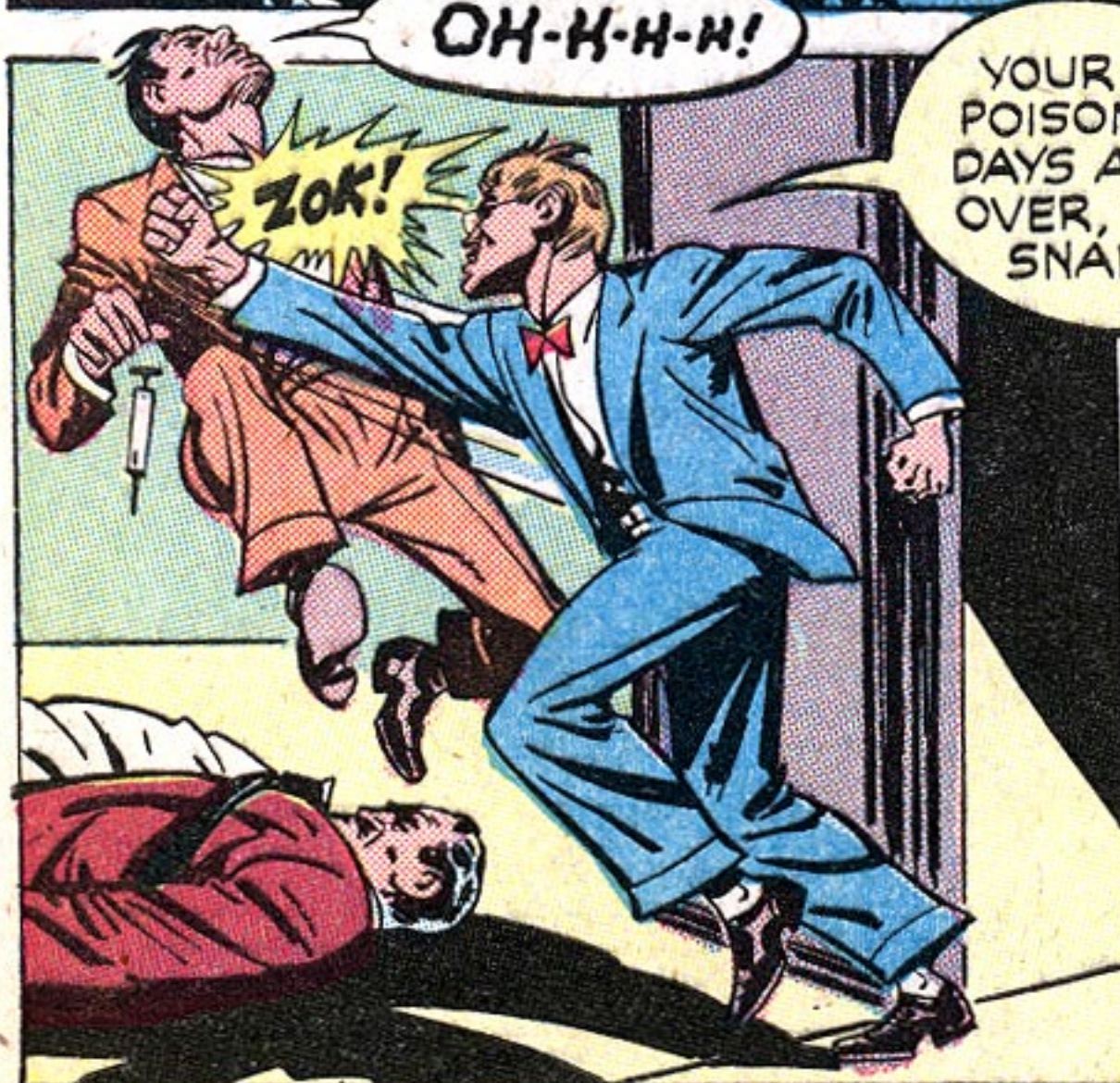
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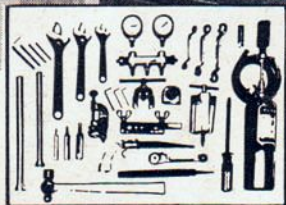
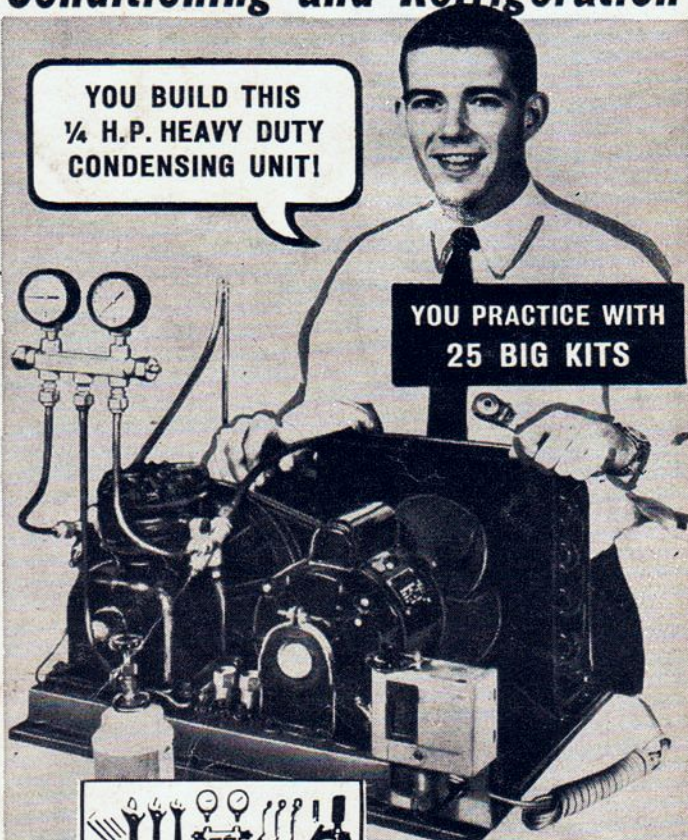
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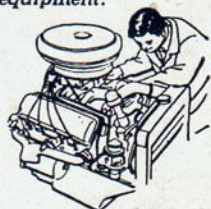
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